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Introduction

In recent years, the *Technique* has produced this feature-length newspaper nicknamed the “Freshman Issue.”

The issue is designed to be a primer, both to the *Technique* and the Institute. It is composed of six sections appearing in five separately folded papers. The sections in order of appearance are News, Opinions, Focus, Freshman Survival Guide, Entertainment and Sports.

The News section covers all areas of Tech campus—from administrative and student government decisions to student organizations and community events. The *Technique* seeks to provide the most accurate, unbiased information possible for Tech’s student body. Inside this section, you will find news particularly geared toward freshmen, as well as some of the standard offerings that longtime readers have come to expect.

If you have general questions of comments about the *Technique*, please contact Daniel Amick, editor-in-chief, at editor@technique.gatech.edu. For information about the News section please email its editor, Stephen Baehl, at news@technique.gatech.edu.

If you would like to get involved with the *Technique*, email our development editor, Art Seavey, at development@niquen.net. To learn more about the *Technique*, please visit our website: www.niquen.net.

Cover photo

Choong-Seok Chang, an Aerospace Engineering graduate student enjoys the new waterslide at the Campus Recreation Center. The final phase of the CRC was completed this summer, and the new facility opened to students Monday. For more photos and information about the CRC, see page 12. Photo by Christopher Gooley.

All about the Technique

By Daniel Amick
Editor-in-Chief

The *Technique* is Georgia Tech’s official student newspaper. Founded in 1911, the paper has been published weekly since then, except for a brief period when it was published twice weekly.

The *Technique* consists of five sections: News, Opinions, Focus, Entertainment and Sports.

Each section covers a different area of interest. The News section, which starts on the front page of most issues, covers activities, issues and decisions prompted by members of the Tech community. Administrative and faculty decisions of note, as well as student organization news appears in the News section.

The Opinions section is a forum for letters to the editor from students, faculty, staff members and alumni; full-length opinion pieces written by members of the *Technique* Editorial Board; and the consensus opinion, the official position of the paper on campus issues.

To compose the consensus editorial, the members of the Editorial Board meet for approximately one hour each week, discuss the issues in each section that most directly impact students, then attempt to form an overall opinion on them. The Opinions editor then articulates the Editorial Board’s position in the consensus column.

Focus is a magazine-style section that provides in-depth, feature-length stories about Tech ideas,

issues and individuals.

The Entertainment section includes features about Tech- and Atlanta-based entertainment offerings that appeal to students, as well as music, movie and restaurant reviews.

The Sports section covers a wide variety of Tech sports from varsity to club and intramural teams, as well as sports news.

Each section has an editor who is responsible for its content, layout and administration.

The *Technique* has a general staff meeting every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in room 137 of the Student Services Building. The meeting is open to people interested in writing or taking pictures for the newspaper and to those already involved. Section editors often meet with their staffs to assign and collect stories. On Wednesday nights, the editorial staff works to edit stories and design the layout for the following Friday’s paper. Students interested in getting involved should email Daniel Amick at editor@technique.gatech.edu.

Technique Credo

This paper is the voice of the student body and the servant of its interests. It is the champion of all causes that will contribute to the development of the institution in numbers, influence, and character.

It has been named the *Technique*, a name that expresses the purpose and nature of the school and paper as well, perhaps, as it can be expressed in a word. For although we desire inspiration with school spirit, and a wealth of life and feeling for every student, yet we desire also the aim of our work and study should not be forgotten. That, with each succeeding issue, the name should become associated with the richest experiences of our college life, with our most intense efforts, and happiest accomplishments—this is the hope of the editors.

For the *Technique* desires intensely to serve; to express for us our wishes and needs; to increase our school spirit; encourage us in disappointment; congratulate us in success. It desires to make more efficient the management of student enterprises by offering a means of communication between the directors and the workers. It will obviate many meetings that are now necessary and make more effective those that are held.

It wishes to bring the alumni in closer contact with college life and college enterprises; to bring more quickly and solidly their support to our efforts; to make them feel themselves more intimately a part of the school.

In a word, the *Technique* desires to serve as a timesaver, a conservator of energy and spirit, a power behind every college movement.

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Enrollment causes overcrowding

Some students forced to live in converted lounges, kitchen spaces

By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

Due to the unexpectedly large size of the incoming freshman class, flex housing has been reintroduced into some of the freshman dorms this year. Living mostly in hall lounges that have been re-converted into normal rooms, 38 students reside in these "flex" spaces.

"We do have a larger freshman class of about 400 people larger than last year," said Dan Morrison, associate director for residence life in the Department of Housing. According to Morrison, the Institute wanted more freshman and was hoping for an increase of around 200, and "we [Housing] were prepared for that in how we allocate housing," he said.

Returning students are normally assigned housing before new students, with the exception of some sophomores who are placed in a holding position in which they are guaranteed housing, but have not had a room assigned yet. New freshmen and new transfer and grad students have a housing application deadline of May 1.

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Due to housing overcrowding from increased enrollment, 38 freshmen have been assigned to "flex" rooms—converted lounges and kitchens. Six students live in Smith Hall's third floor lounge.

TEAMING UP



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Nick Scheele, president of Ford Motor Company, views the Ramblin' Wreck with President Clough and Reck Driver Dustin Bergman. Scheele visited Tuesday to promote a new Tech-Ford partnership.

China releases Tech professor

By Daniel Amick
Editor-in-Chief

China released a Tech professor on August 8 after holding him for 14 days.

Dr. Fei-Ling Wang, an associate professor in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, was arrested in Shanghai on July 25.

Wang, a Chinese-born, naturalized U.S. citizen, has worked for Tech's summer study abroad program in China since 1996. The 2004 program had concluded a week earlier, July 19, in Hong Kong.

Wang was traveling back to Shanghai alone to discuss future Tech exchange programs with Chinese universities when he was arrested at the Shanghai railroad station.

Wang's wife reported him

"The best way to curb [secret police] abuses... is to force more sunshine into the secretive and torturous world of the SS police..."

Fei-Ling Wang
INTA professor

missing after he failed to return to the U.S. as planned on July 29.

According to the Associated Press, U.S. diplomats asked Chinese officials whether they knew Wang's whereabouts but received

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Bursar adds credit card convenience fee

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

The Bursar's Office this summer decided to assess students a \$25 "convenience charge" for online credit card transactions for the first time since Tech students were able to use the internet to pay fees via credit card.

However, Joel Hercick, associate vice president of financial services, said, "We weren't willing to go to this unless we had a viable alternative."

That alternative is now available to students free of charge. WebCheck, an electronic payment that draws directly from a checking account, can be used to pay all fees online.

"The advantage of WebCheck

for Georgia Tech," Hercick said, "is it is much less costly than a credit card payment." Hercick said that for an out of state student paying \$10,000 in fees via credit card, some \$200 of that would go toward merchant fees.

"You make the same payment with WebCheck," Hercick said, "[and] it costs a few pennies."

Each time Tech accepts a credit card, it has to pay a merchant's fee. While Tech's fee comes at a lower rate than most—a little under two percent—the increasing volume of students, most of whom use credit cards, has led to substantially increased amounts of money going toward paying credit card acceptance fees.

"Probably 60 to 70 percent of our payments historically came through a credit card," Hercick said. "It adds up... Last year, what we were paying in terms of credit card merchant fees got up to about a million dollars," Hercick said.

This is money that could otherwise fund tuition, housing and other fees students pay, Hercick said.

"With the state budget cuts we've had the last couple years, we needed to take a real hard look at that," Hercick said. "I'd rather be putting our money into academic programming."

"If we got rid of a million dollars in credit card charges, we could have quite a few faculty," he added.

Electrical Engineering gradu-

ate student Tom Hanley said he understood the reasoning behind the need to assess fees, but said it is not something to charge to students who are already strapped for cash. "It's something students would want to save," he said.

The Office of the Bursar considered using different methods for making up credit card merchant fees charged to the Institute. It began to evaluate what other schools were doing with regards to such fees. Research determined that many schools do not accept credit cards, while some simply absorbed the entire cost like Tech used to do. Still others charged a sort of convenience fee.

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Phase II class registration ends

Fall 2004 Phase II Registration ends today, making this the last opportunity for students to enroll in new classes that still have space available or to drop a current class without receiving a "W" marking on transcripts.

IM registration begins soon

The first meeting for those interested in heading up intramural teams this fall will take place Monday from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Ferst Center. The meeting is mandatory for captains for all Phase I sports: flag football, Ultimate Frisbee, sand volleyball, and whiffleball. Captains who attend this meeting will be able to register for their sports online or at the new intramural office in the CRC the following day; payments will be due by noon Wednesday, Aug. 25.

Late registration will be available for those who did not attend the meeting starting Wednesday at 1 p.m. For more information, see www.campusrecreation.gatech.edu/IM.

OHR moves to Tech Parkway

The Office of Human Resources has consolidated and moved across campus. Payroll, formerly housed in Lyman Hall, has combined with Employment and Benefits under the roof of the former CEISMC building at 500 Tech Parkway, near the Engineer's Bookstore.

Associate Vice President of Human Resources Chuck Donaugh said OHR wanted to "try to get some efficiency by consolidation."

According to Donaugh, OHR is settled in. "We're fully operational," he said, noting that only some details about the building itself remained to be worked out.

RATS week nears completion

Only two more events remain for RATS week. Tonight, Curran Parking Deck, located across the street from Woodruff in west campus, will be the site of a cookout from 5 to 8 p.m. Tomorrow's activity is game night at the library, which will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

GRADE offers free food for feedback

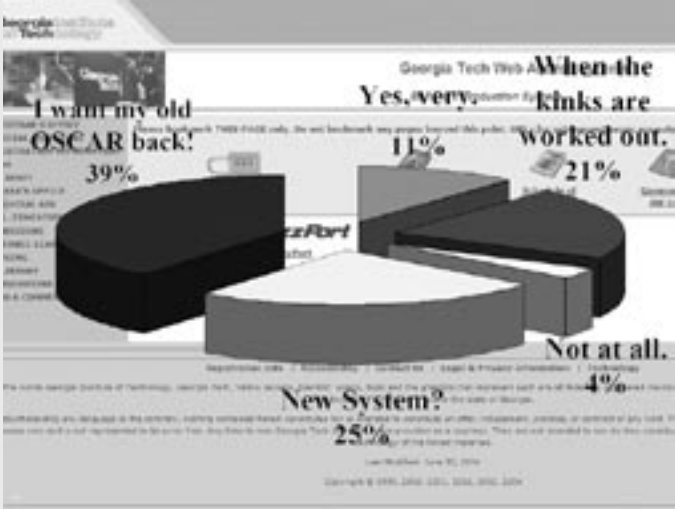
Georgia Tech Research on Accessible Distance Education (GRADE) invites any who are interested to attend a free lunch presentation on the design and results of a distance education course offered at Tech.

The presentation will take place Wednesday, Aug. 25, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Contact Barbara Christopher at barbara.christopher@coa.gatech.edu to register for the presentation; only registered attendees eat free.

GRADE is a project within Georgia Tech's Center for Assistive Technology & Environmental Access (CATEA) and Tech's Distance Learning Program.

Technique Online Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 114 responses
Is the new degree auditing system useful?



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Crime Reports

Property damage

7/20/2004 11:02:00 hrs.
Location: Student Center
Incident: Report of damage caused by a water leak.

8/2/2004 16:32:00 hrs.
Location: MRDC 2 Building
Incident: Report of a damaged passenger door.

False alarm

8/2/2004 19:04:00 hrs.
Location: Graduate Living Center
Incident: Report of a false fire alarm.

Theft

7/30/2004 21:03:00 hrs.
Location: Student Center
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.

8/1/2004 8:33:00 hrs.
Location: Klaus construction site
Incident: Report of stolen tools.

8/1/2004 11:55:00 hrs.
Location: Peters Parking Deck
Incident: Report that a Honda Accord was entered and items were stolen.

8/2/2004 19:10:00 hrs.
Location: Peters Parking Deck
Incident: Report that a black 1996 Jeep Cherokee was entered and items were taken.

Trespassing

8/2/2004 1:32:00 hrs.
Location: 500 Block of Strong Street
Incident: Offender arrested for criminal trespass.

Injured person

8/1/2004 23:00:00 hrs.
Location: Love Building
Incident: Report of an injured person transported by ambulance to Piedmont Hospital.

Information

8/2/2004 19:10:00 hrs.
Location: 351 Ferst Drive
Incident: Report of disorderly conduct.

8/2/2004 21:22:00 hrs.
Location: CCF House
Incident: Report of harassing phone calls.

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Go to www.nique.net/sliver,
and express your feelings!

Fee

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However, a convenience fee for credit card use is not allowed by some credit card companies, most notably Visa. But, Hercick said, there is a differentiation made based on the channel used for the transaction. All credit card companies allow a form of a fee to be charged when a secure transaction channel other than face-to-face purchasing is used.

Still, some variation exists here, as well. Visa, for example, will only allow flat fees to be charged for online or other similar credit transactions that require secure, convenient channels (such as telephone credit card transactions). MasterCard, though, allows for any of three forms of charges: flat fees, percentage-based rates or tiered fees.

When the credit card use of the student body was examined, Hercick said, it was found that most used Visa. As such, the best viable option for charge assessment was a flat fee.

The Office decided to assess a charge to students rather than place the burden of payment within the mandatory Technology Fee so that students could make the choice whether or not to accept the charge by paying with credit cards or other means.

"You can think of it in terms of, 'I have alternative ways to pay this,'" Hercick said.

"On the other hand, if we want the model of a Technology Fee, then it becomes a mandatory fee to all students regardless of if they make [credit card] payment," he added. "Rightfully or wrongfully, wisdom or lack of wisdom, we thought it was a fair means to provide a convenience," Hercick said.

The administration decided \$25 was a fair charge (down from a \$50 charge considered at one point). The decision was announced over the summer in a July 16 email entitled "Important Bursar Information." Red text on the invoice payment screen online also announced the charge, and the new availability of WebCheck.

However, the news of the fee was not mentioned until the fifth paragraph of the email, and not indicated in its subject line. In addition, many students away working for the summer or on vacation might not check their email as often as they would at school.

"I think the announcement method was insufficient since they spam us with so much useless email that when they sent out a useful email it sort of slipped through the cracks," said Daniel Cooksey, third year Aerospace Engineering major.

Hercick said

the announcement came in the summer so as to allow for the change to take place for the beginning of the school year. "The beginning of the year is the optimum time to implement a change," he said.

More students used WebCheck than credit cards for fee payments this fall. According to Hercick, roughly 4,200 students' transactions were via WebCheck, as compared to 3,300 who paid by credit card.

Students also still have the options of mailing in checks, or paying in person at the Bursar's Office.

Electrical Engineering graduate student Erich Stunteveck said he understood why the charge would need to be assessed, and that WebCheck worked fine for him. "It was really convenient to use that."

"The advantage of WebCheck for Georgia Tech is it is much less costly than a credit card payment."

Joel Hercick
AVP, Financial Services

Klaus construction underway

By Arcadiy Kantor
Staff Writer

The Klaus Advanced Computing Building, wedged between Fifth Street and the College of Computing, is on schedule for completion in February 2006. The building, which has faced a variety of problems that delayed construction, including land ownership issues, is one of the most ambitious construction projects in Tech's history.

The building, funded in part by a \$15 million donation from alumnus Christopher W. Klaus, will house faculty of both the College of Computing and the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, facilitating improved communication and synergy between the two Institute departments.

The construction has slowed slightly in recent months, hindered by a prolonged period of rainy weather. "You can't control Mother Nature, so you have to wait til the weather dries out," said Ron Leroy, the project manager for the Klaus Building construction.

"That ... hurt us a little bit [as far as] trying to get things accomplished," Leroy said. "You can't bring your trucks into the site when there's so much water and you have to pump everything out."

The weather has led to some reshuffling of the project's schedule. "The contractors have been trying to do some other things ... on the site to catch up on other little things that we've got to do," Leroy said.

"We've put a cistern in kind of ahead of schedule," he said. "It made sense for them to do that because they have the staff to work on it."

The contractors working on the project have also been forced to use explosives to deal with significant quantities of subsurface rock. Students who attended classes in the summer felt frequent tremors in



By Ethan Trehwitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Demolition of the old Health Center and Old Naval Reserve this summer was followed by the start of construction of the Klaus Advanced Computing Building. Completion is set for 2006.

the College of Computing as the explosives were set off.

Using explosives is a dangerous task that requires speed and efficiency. "They have to be careful of the weather conditions... Once they put the explosive in the ground, it has to go. They can't let it just sit there," Leroy said.

Leroy's team sent out email notices and conducted meetings with faculty who would be affected by the blasts, but they still had a disruptive effect on classes in the area. "They

worked through my lectures, so I sometimes got distracted," said third-year Computer Science major Daniel Pak.

The explosions have had a positive effect on the construction's progress, however. "Up on the north half end of the site, we're already down [as deep as] we need to be," Leroy said. The construction will proceed southward until the entire site is as deep as necessary for the building

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New wayfinding signs aid campus navigation



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

New wayfinding signs were added over the summer to help students and visitors alike find their way around campus.

By Joshua Cuneo
Assistant Online Editor

Returning students may notice the new directional and pedestrian wayfinding signs that cropped up all over campus this summer. These signs are the latest products of the Wayfinding Sign Project, an effort headed by Facilities to ease navigation of the campus for visitors.

“We have long known that finding your way around the campus was a bit difficult,” said Bradley Satterfield, the campus architect for the Office of Facilities Design and Construction. “There was a complete lack of any good directional signage.”

Installation of the signs is mapped out into three major phases. The first phase was completed this summer, in which approximately 30 of the signs were mounted around campus, including major directional signs to guide vehicular traffic into parking areas.

Most of the remaining signs will be installed during Phase 2, which begins this fall. This will include mounting 80 building identifica-

tion signs and 33 pedestrian directional signs and is expected to be completed within the next year. Some follow-up infield signage and enhancement of existing street signs is also scheduled.

“For example, our consultant is preparing a traffic sign that would say that the...speed limit on this

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Bradley Satterfield
Campus architect

campus would be 25 miles per hour and also advising the driver that pedestrians always have the right of way,” Satterfield said.

The project also includes plans to mount campus maps onto the currently blank Campus Directory boards, which were installed earlier

this year.

These maps will be graphically similar to this year’s full-color fold-out maps, and Satterfield said he hopes to mount the first ones by next week.

In addition, the project coordinated with the Department of Parking and Transportation to provide the Stinger and Trolley route maps and parking lot identification number signs, which were installed last year.

Satterfield is also cooperating with the Midtown Association on their related wayfinding sign project in order to coordinate “the identity of Georgia Tech within the greater Midtown district.”

According to Satterfield, the original driver for a wayfinding sign system came from the Master Plan studies conducted in 1997. Aside from general need, Technology Square was also a primary motivator behind the project.

“If Technology Square has good signs, then the campus itself has to have signs of similar quality,” Satterfield said.

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no reply. Chinese authorities did not notify American officials of the detention until August 4. According to a U.S. Embassy spokeswoman quoted by the Associated Press, the delay constituted a consular treaty violation.

In a brief meeting with American officials on August 6, and later in information provided to the *Technique*,

Wang described harsh treatment by Shanghai agents of the PRC State Security police.

Wang said he was held in solitary confinement for four days. He told U.S. diplomats that he was interrogated, threatened, and, at times, deprived of water and sleep for extended periods.

His interrogators pushed him to confess to endangering state security and spying for American intelligence

agencies. They also pressured him to become an informer or spy for them.

Referring to the activities of secret police, Wang said he believed that “the best way to curb their abuses and to promote China’s rule of law and transparency of governing is to force more sunshine into the secretive and torturous world of the SS police; like vampires, these secret persecutions cannot survive

in bright light.”

Wang denied the espionage allegations his interrogators leveled against him, calling them completely phony and simply an excuse to detain him and search all of his belongings.

After pressure from the U.S. Embassy, Chinese police released Wang on August 8 and deported him. After spending time with his family, Wang returned to Tech and

resumed teaching this week.

In an email to the 2004 China study abroad program participants, Wang wrote that he was returning to normal life. He said he would work to prevent similar events in the future and urged his students not to abandon their interest in China.

In 2001, four Chinese-born American academics were arrested and convicted on espionage charges before being deported.

Senate approves mid-semester drop day

By Michael Handelman
Staff Writer

[Editor's Note: This article is reprinted, with modifications, from the May 28 issue of the *Technique*.]

The Academic Senate has voted to move the last day to withdraw from class, also known as drop day, from the sixth week of the semester to the middle of the term.

At the annual meeting of the academic faculty held in late April, the Academic Senate considered proposals on grade substitution and the date for drop day.

Prior to the meeting of the Academic Senate, the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, a constituent committee of the Senate, approved the measure.

According to the meeting minutes, Paul Benkeser, chair of the Student Regulations Committee, reported to the Senate that "the [drop day] proposal deals with modification of the calendar to take better advantage of the mid-term grades for 1000- and 2000- level courses."

Benkeser also stated that "students in [introductory classes] receive a mid-term grade of either 'Satisfactory' or 'Unsatisfactory'...currently, this information becomes available...during the academic period following term's registration."

Under the new proposal, mid-term grades will be released six weeks into fall and spring semesters, two weeks prior to drop day.

Students will continue to not receive a tuition refund if they withdraw from classes early; tuition will only be refunded to students who withdraw from all classes.

According to Registrar Jo McIver, implementing the new drop day would allow "students [to] have more experience with a course when considering a withdrawal...this may reduce impulse drops following the first exam."

McIver also states that "more time would be available for the advising period. This should improve the effectiveness of persons involved in academic advising and academic support."

The Registrar's findings also suggested that academic units take advantage of a withdrawal hold, a restriction on the ability of students to withdraw from classes without the consent of the school.

This recommendation was suggested to prevent students from disrupting work groups or other team activities in classes whose coursework is predominantly in groups.

The move brings Tech into conformance with the existing policies of the University of Georgia and Georgia State University, both of which have their last day to withdraw in the midpoint of the term. However, outside of Georgia, class withdrawal procedures differ greatly.

Prior to the policy change, students who cross-registered for classes at Georgia State had to withdraw from classes by the earlier Tech drop date, instead of the later Georgia State withdrawal date.

Stanford University allows students to withdraw from a class up until 80 percent of the course has been completed; the Massachusetts Institute of Technology allows students to withdraw from classes up until 85 percent of the term has been

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KICK BACK AND RELAX



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Punter Andy Thomson holds the ball for an aspiring place kicker at Football Fan Day Sunday, Aug. 15. Fans had a chance to get autographs and pictures of the football team.

Delta Chi builds new house

By Kristin Noell
Senior Staff Writer

Delta Chi is in the process of building a bigger and better house after 15 years on Tech's campus. As the fraternity has developed, it has outgrown the small house it currently uses.

"We normally have to have chapter at different locations on campus like the Instructional Center," said David Sibal, Delta Chi president.

The new house will greatly improve day-to-day activities of the fraternity, he said.

"All the rooms are going to be single rooms, which is something that the brothers wanted," Sibal said.

"We're going to have a better kitchen, a chapter/dining room, study rooms, a computer room, and everything's going to have state-of-the-art technology," he added.

The new industrial kitchen will improve the quality of the fraternity's meal plan, the chapter/dining room can accommodate chapter meetings, and many technological

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David Sibal
President, Delta Chi

compatibility issues that brothers struggled with in the old house will be resolved.

"This house is really old and so

it's hard to adapt it to modern stuff," Sibal said.

The new building will house 27 more Delta Chi brothers, in addition to the seven in residence at the old house. "For the brotherhood, it's important for the guys to be able to live together to build the fraternity," Sibal said.

The two buildings will eventually be connected with a large front porch, probably by next fall. The rest of the building is scheduled for completion by spring semester.

"The plan is to finish it [in] late December, and ideally, brothers will be able to drop their stuff off before they go home for Christmas," Sibal said.

"We're not really sure if that will time out, but most definitely they will be moving in by January 1."

The move-in date comes only

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Administration introduces new online interface, scatters OSCAR Web pages

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

To the surprise of many returning students, typing in the well-known www.oscarweb.gatech.edu address to deal with the usual fee payments and registration issues will not pull up the familiar OSCAR Web main page.

In its place is the plain declaration: "The OSCAR Web site has now moved," followed by links to class schedules and transfer information; general registration information; and the Course Critique. Each is now found at its specific office's web site: oscar.gatech.edu, the Registrar's homepage and the SGA homepage, respectively.

"What we're trying to do is get everything on one page—on the Registrar's page," Registrar Jo McIver said, referring to all Tech student registration-related information online.

"The OSCAR Web page was out there because Banner did not provide something. That page was only supposed to be a temporary fix," added Debbie Williamson, associate registrar.

What Banner (the system students use to log in to pay fees and register for courses) lacked was a way to look up class schedules and information about them without having to log in.

As such, when it was created in 1997, OSCAR Web was also made to provide information to faculty, incoming students, and others who had no means to log in and check course schedules.

However, McIver said, "What we wrote was not real-time with the database. We were dumping from the database over to this program. So it could be an hour or two hours old, which was not a good situation if you

went up there to look to see if a class was available, and you went to register and it was probably gone."

McIver said the Registrar's office pushed to have this feature included in Banner itself in order to afford real-time information. "Finally, Banner said, 'we will write something so that you can look at the schedule of classes real-time outside of your PIN number,'" McIver said.

With regard to the new setup, third-year Aerospace Engineering major Rick Uhlman said, "The in-

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Debbie Williamson
Associate registrar

terface is improved, and linking to the respective offices is a step in the right direction." However, he noted that navigation through the different features that used to be on OSCAR Web can still be difficult.

Williamson pointed out two shortcuts not mentioned on the course look-up page to help students navigate. Once a student has selected an item within the subject code field, rather than scrolling down to, for example, Math, a student can simply type a letter to be taken directly to subjects starting with that letter. Typing "M" would then take a student directly to the math subject.

When filtering a search for course

numbers, another shortcut students can use is typing the number of the course level followed by a percent; for example, typing "6%" in the course number field would return all 6000 level classes within the subject selected. Both shortcuts are new features in the registration interface.

However, the interface still causes confusion. Students can easily get lost among the forest of links they must navigate through for registration.

"Why can't they just make it easy?" said Rebecca Guertin, a first year Architecture major.

Williamson said that on the Registrar's website are videos detailing different registration procedures. By clicking the "registration" tab on the Registrar's website, www.registrar.gatech.edu/, then the "Registration Assistance" link on the left, a student can select to see the registration videos.

Also included in the new interface is a new program currently in the beta testing stage for Fall 2004. The Curriculum Advising and Program Planning (CAPP) system acts like an automated advisor.

It can be reached from www.oscar.gatech.edu, under Student Records in the Student Services section (GTID login required).

The program tracks a student's major, notes its requirements, and lists what from among each requirement the student has fulfilled.

Red text will indicate a required area of a major that a student's credits to date do not fulfill.

"This is a beta testing system, so we have the students go in there and take a look at it and if they find problems, then they contact their advisor, and...we will go in and make changes accordingly," Craig Womack, assistant registrar, told the *Technique* in July.

Breaking the Bubble



A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Below are summaries of a few of the important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

Hurricane Charley rips across Florida

Hurricane Charley tore through Florida Saturday, leaving behind a wake of lost lives, wrecked buildings and climbing damage costs. The hurricane, which strengthened to a Category 4 system just before touching land in western Florida Saturday afternoon, hit south of its expected target of Tampa, instead devastating the small retiree town of Punta Gorda. At least 16 deaths were attributed to Charley, which moved east across the Florida peninsula before cruising northward along the U.S. east coast, losing its strength and eventually dissipating Sunday. President Bush declared a federal disaster area in the state, allowing federal aid to pour into the affected areas.

Iraqi militant surrenders peacefully

The Shiite Muslim holy city of Najaf, Iraq saw the hesitant beginning of a peace process Wednesday when radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr announced he and his forces would quit their hideout at the Imam Ali mosque. The cleric has promised to disband his Mehdi Army and enter into the normal Iraqi political process after a U.S. army threat of action against his forces.

Najaf had seen an intense situation this past week in the U.S. offensive against the insurgents. Iraqi police told reporters Sunday that they must evacuate the city, an order which left embedded journalists within the U.S. military the sole media presence in Najaf. Police had earlier warned the journalists to leave in the midst of rumors of car bombings targeting journalists; when none left, the evacuation was ordered.

Dream Team receives rude awakening

The U.S. basketball "Dream Team" lost in the Olympics Sunday for the first time since the U.S. began sending NBA stars to the Olympics in 1992, halting a 24-game Olympic winning streak. Puerto Rico pulled off the upset with a deciding score of 92-73. The U.S. team, sporting such stars as San Antonio's Tim Duncan and Philadelphia's Allen Iverson, still has a strong shot at gold, however. In order to reach the quarter finals, the "Dream Team" need only finish in the top four of its six-team group.

NEW BEGINNINGS



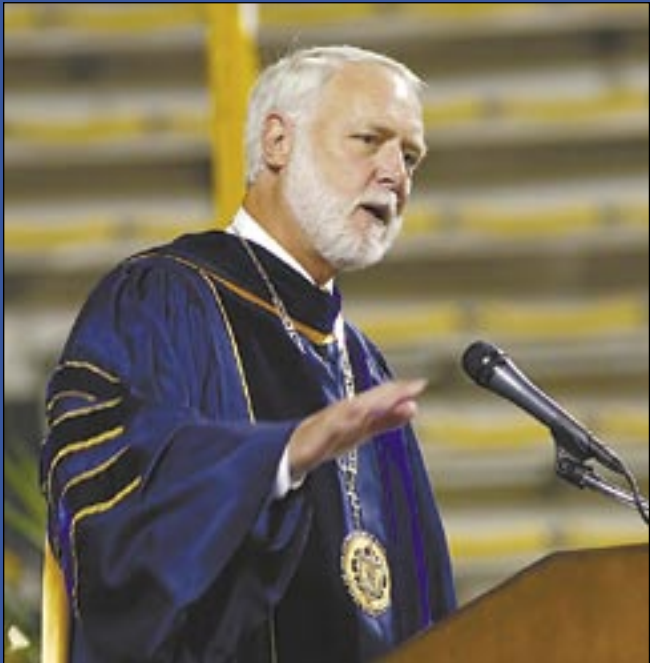
By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Freshmen crowd the floor of the Coliseum for the traditional kick-off of their Tech careers, Freshman Convocation.



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Student employees rush to keep up with housing sign in during the busy move-in.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

President Wayne Clough addresses the freshman class.



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students and parents alike worked hard through the weekend to move personal belongings.

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I voted for myself.
William Schafer sounds like William Shatner. Sorta looks like him too.
Photo Editor Jamie Howell is Hot! what a heart breaker!
haha, had to do it jamie ;)
ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?!?!?
to whoever plays the trumpet over by Van Leer: you need to stop classified ads
one doesn't realize how important water is until Housing TURNS IT OFF!!!!!!
so this victoria person whose named is forever branded upon Skiles in chalk seems to have 365 birthdays a year...lucky bitch...
Boy Appreciation and Boy Scouting = BABS
I still think that Scion is the answer to the question that the automotive industry never asked.
At least it gives Toyota's marketing team something to do.
so i still haven't been on this waterslide yet.
Nor didst Thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption
come back for a masters.....nah
Thank god I am out of Tech! Have fun suckers!
New words to use and their originators (or actually, who uses the word all the time):
Asshat: Luke
Everyone needs to come to Jax Beach and visit table 69 at Lynch's on Sunday nights.
Hey how can i get to write for the paper? give some instructions, one might think you dont want new people...
Class of 08' r0x0rs!
mmm tapioca pudding
Tech is so much more pleasant when you're not taking classes.
No, you cannot write for opinions.

Increased enrollment eases student org budget woes

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

Increased student enrollment this year has provided the funds the Student Government Association needed to keep intact the already tight student org budget passed at the end of Spring semester.

After the Board of Regents approved only \$12 of the \$14 requested for the Student Activity Fee, SGA was worried about the possibility of needing to resubmit an even more constrained budget.

"For every dollar of increase, we get [approximately] \$30,000 dollars," Undergraduate Student Body President Amy Phuong told the *Technique* in May. "If you look at the overall picture, it's not enough," she said.

Joint Finance Committee (JFC) Chair David Andersen said the \$14 was to offset the extra burden the CRC's heightened budget requirements put on the Student Activity Fee allocations.

However, fees generated from a greater enrollment than expected has changed the outlook on the budget.

"It looks like the budget is in good shape," Phuong said Monday. "The increased enrollment... is pretty much going to save us this year."

Furthermore, Phuong said, "We haven't gotten numbers for the rollovers yet from people who haven't used all their money."

Money from this source would go

to Prior Year Capital Outlay and the respective graduate and undergraduate reserve accounts. These accounts are used throughout the year to fund student organizations that submit bills to SGA. Student organizations might use this method to address fiscal problems resulting from the budget SGA passed in April.

"We'll be expecting a lot of bills coming in this year," Phuong said. "More than ever, just because a lot of people did not get their money through the budget."

Phuong hopes the rollovers will provide substantial funding for the year. Last year, she said, even with budget problems, SGA enjoyed its largest capital outlay account. Phuong attributed the situation to past SGA members' planning and budgeting, and said SGA is trying to follow their example for the future, as well.

In the meantime, students in organizations that find themselves lacking the money they need are not without hope.

A planned handbook will present other options to students aside from submitting bills to draw money from Capital Outlay and the undergraduate and graduate reserves.

Phuong said the book is planned for release in late September, at the time of the President's Council retreat. With the coming Six Flags Night to organize, she said the work pressures eased by not rushing out the booklet would help SGA do the best job it could.

"David [Andersen] has done a really good job and given really good tips on how to write a bill and how to write a budget," Phuong said of the guide. The handbook will also include a database for corporate sponsorships and information on how to go through the Development Office to get funding, as well as a section offering letter-writing tips for those wishing to solicit corporate or other contributions.

In addition, SGA will take budget applications earlier this year in hopes of better budget planning. Phuong said the deadline for submissions is the fifth week of school, much earlier than last year.

Last year, the budget was brought before the SGA much later than usual due to the late appointment of a JFC chair; Phuong aims to avoid some of the same mistakes this time around.

Also, last year, some electronically submitted budget applications were lost. This year, SGA wants student organizations to submit their applications both on disk and in paper format.

Furthermore, Andersen is considering another possibility to alleviate future budget issues with regards to student organizations and the Student Activity Fee.

Andersen is researching the possibility of creating a separate fee for the CRC so that future increases in the CRC's budget demands would not spill over and affect student organizations

GREEK TO ME



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Alpha Epsilon Pi set up a rock climbing wall to draw new pledges to their fraternity during Rush this week.



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Theta Chi brothers enjoy a game of pool with possible pledges during Rush Week.

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Instead of studying, I spent the night staring at my autographed poster of Miss Texas Pete.

Hell Yea I want some Cheezy Poofs!

To the Michael Moore activist in my Prob/Stat class: stop turning around.

home park

Seriously, if Vinnie leaves "sick" again today, I'm leaving. I'm not working 6th day so he can go home.

Ms. Malcolm, you're an idiot.

It's not OSCAR anymore, it's GTWAS. GT was.. who knows?

Bursar's office charging \$25 to use credit cards = usury

Anchorman was awesome! steve carell pwns.

Course Critique is the shizit!

When this sliver makes it to the 'Nique, I would have graduated.

Times have changed rapidly in the four years I have been here-some for the better and some for the worse. Debate issues that matter, summer without classes is relaxing

hello S.M. from P.R.C.

I saved myself \$500 and I'm parking on the streets. I figure if my car's going to get stolen anyway, might as well have \$500 in my pocket and not hanging on my rearview mirror... where ever that may be hey, so someone at the technique needs to fix the sliver box so that it can take more than, like, 50 characters

also, the em dashes on the online versions of stories look like hyphens. come on, don't do that to the em dashes. they deserve more respect than that.

At \$500 a space, I would think Parking could afford someone to make sure their webpage would work, or are we supposed to guess if we have a space?

It's confirmed: in my 4 years at Tech, Summer 2004 CS1371 has been the worst ever, due to course administration

Parking people, I'm talking to you: don't think I don't notice you hoping no one notices when you push back the date where ppl can see their info

Peter R. and John S. are the disciples of Data Marshalling.

Tell Spruill to say in Acapulco.

Why is the Sliver Box not printed on the web?

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Area college student dating self

THINGS ARE REALLY STARTING TO HEAT UP



Eric Peterson, top, has one of many romantic dinners with himself at their favorite restaurant.

By LISA CHENEY

Local college student Eric Peterson recently announced that he's entered a committed relationship—with himself. Peterson vehemently denied rumors that the two were dating other people. "We're totally committed to each other. We've never been happier." When asked what prompted the campus heartthrob to take himself off the market, he chalked it up in large part to his current financial situation, claiming that monthly fees from his checking account were making it too expensive for him to date around. "It was partly a

cost-effective decision on my part, but it's been really nice for us to spend more time together." Peterson was apparently unaware of Free Checking from Washington Mutual. It's an account with no monthly fees and the option to add Deluxe services like free online bill pay. And he could have gotten Free Checking just by visiting a Washington Mutual Financial Center, then signed up for online bill pay at wamu.com. "Dang," said Peterson, "if

I had known about Free Checking Deluxe, my current dating situation would be different. I probably wouldn't have settled down with someone so soon."

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State of the art: a tour of the CRC

By Haining Yu

The newly finished Campus Recreation Center opened Monday, Aug. 16. Hundreds of Tech students swarmed the facility to check out the building's features, trying everything from the new "state of the art" cardio equipment, to the weight machines and racquetball and squash courts to the new 35 ft. climbing wall.

The CRC is just short of 300,000 sq. feet in size. 15,000 sq. feet of that space

makes up the new fitness center/weight room, with roughly 190 pieces of cardio and weight equipment altogether. Each machine is brand new, and state-of-the-art technology can be found on all of the treadmills, elliptical machines and step machines; the user can channel-surf on the built-in TV screens while burning calories.

Among the other additions are four

racquetball courts and one squash court, a 35 ft. indoor climbing wall, new locker rooms, and a leisure pool complete with a "lazy river" and additional lap lanes for those who wish to exert themselves. A patio is available for activities or simply for sunning, and everything is topped off with the highlight of the new pool, a 185 ft. waterslide.

With all of these changes—not to mention the immense size of the new facility—getting around can be a bit perplexing. Now worries, though: a friendly service desk is available at the entrance for all members of the CRC as a "one stop shop"

to get information, rent lockers, and sign up for programs. Inside the facility, signs guide users to the appropriate areas.

Access to the basketball courts and track, which are on the fourth and fifth floor, respectively, can be reached via the stairs located just past the BuzzCard entrance, or via elevators located to the right. The freight elevators used last year to access the courts and track are now locked, as is the side back entrance used last year. The fitness center/weight room, racquetball courts, squash court and climbing wall are all located one level below the entrance. Equipment

checkout and the new lounge area are also on that level. The facility is still located in the same building as the old basketball courts.

Outdoor Recreation (ORGT) is also now located in its new boathouse just outside the basketball courts.

A new campus eatery, H2O Café, is available at H2O Café, in the "free zone" of the Center just outside the H2O Café overlooks the pool and provides healthy alternatives.



The final phase of the Campus Recreation Center was completed over the summer. New facilities that opened to students Monday included a waterslide, racquetball courts, an indoor hockey/soccer court and an expanded weight room.



Photos by Jamie Howell, Christopher Gooley and Jonathon Mehlberg / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



new locker rooms are located in the intramurals office, the same spot as last year, on the fourth level with the

Georgia Tech located in the CRC, with the student out back housing and rafts.

Another option is available in what's called the CRC. Located in the Buzzcard entrance, the leisure pool and alternatives to eating on

campus, featuring smoothies, wraps and salads. Starbucks coffee can be purchased there as well. Open throughout the day, the café features a fun aqua-beach theme with employees wearing Hawaiian shirts and straw panama hats. There is even a saltwater aquarium complete with tropical fish.

The completion of the CRC adds a welcome addition to parking, as well. The garage located next to the CRC is now a permanent residential deck, adding much-needed parking space to the campus. From 5:30 to 8 a.m. and from 4:30 to 12 p.m., the deck will be available

for permitted vehicles assigned to other lots on campus. BuzzCard is required for entering and exiting, and any car not assigned to the CRC lot found inside between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will be ticketed.

According to Mike Edwards, the director of this "much improved version of the facility," CRC construction was able to stay within budget as it expanded from the 90,000 sq. feet of usable year-round space in the Student Athletic Center (SAC) to nearly 300,000 sq. feet of usable year-round space in the newly completed CRC. Students did, however, see an increase

in the student activity fee to cover the increased operating costs needed for the larger facility.

No foreseeable large increase will be needed for the future to maintain operating costs, though, Edwards said. "Not like there was, not like last time. We will begin to work on the budget for fiscal year '06 very soon with SGA."

Though new on the job, Edwards has had his share of working at Tech. For twelve years Edwards has worked in Budget and Planning, and he also managed the Aquatic Center for the Olympics in 1996. After roughly two months as director of the CRC,

Edwards knows all his staff by name and can recite all the details on the CRC with ease. His "theme" for the new facility is to have "every student to come over here and participate, be in and see the facility. Every student on campus," he said.

"Recreation means different things to different folks. We want to provide that recreation to every student, every faculty and staff member on campus. I think we have a superb building," he added, inviting everyone to "come on over and participate, or hang out in our lounging areas and have fun from the daily stresses of academics here at Georgia Tech."

New VP heads Student Affairs

By Arcadiy Kantor
Staff Writer

[Editor's Note: This article is reprinted, with modifications, from the July 9 issue of the *Technique*.]

After the retirement of Lee Wilcox, the previous Vice President of Student Affairs, last year, the administration undertook a lengthy search for a replacement. The candidate selected, William Schafer, arrived and formally started his job on campus on July 1.

"It's an incredible feeling to have this opportunity ... to come here and work with the students at Georgia Tech, who are some of the top in the country," Schafer said.

Schafer said he was excited to have started his new position. "I've been getting to know the university since late February, but it feels better being here full-time and really getting to know people," he said.

In his first few days, he has been speaking with a variety of students, faculty, and staff around campus.

"I think my first step has to be to listen to a lot of people ... about what they view as the needs and priorities of the university," Schafer said. "I'm setting up a large number of meetings with different people to get to know them."

One of Schafer's first priorities will be to get acquainted with the needs and desires of the campus.

"As a new person coming in, you've had all kinds of experiences at the other schools that you've been at, but it's really important to find out about the Georgia Tech culture, and what students are looking for from a student affairs position," he said.

Schafer has a variety of plans to implement in his new position. "I think as the Vice President of Student Affairs, you are the lead for setting the direction for many things that happen to students outside the



By Derrick Ma / Student Publications

William Schafer took over Lee Wilcox's old post as the head of Student Affairs this summer. Schafer said he looks forward to working with Tech students.

classroom," he said.

"It's a very wide array of responsibilities."

Schafer said he hopes to build on some of his past successes by starting new programs that deal with building the leadership capabilities of students. "I think that can be very beneficial to a student while they're in school, and when they leave to pursue their interests [further] either in graduate school or in their job," he said.

He also hopes to create more social activities for students to participate in outside of classes.

"There [are] a lot of good programs in place, but I'd like to build on those and see how we can continue to strengthen those programs for students," he said.

In addition to his plans for new programs which would affect students, he hopes to have a personal

impact on the student body.

"I hope [students] will feel comfortable ... talking to me, coming to get to know me, whether it's in my office or out at functions," Schafer said.

Schafer is looking forward to joining the Tech community. "That's the most enjoyable part of a job like this for me, is getting to know students and watching them grow and develop during their years at Tech," he said.

Schafer, previously the Associate Vice President and Dean of Students at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), officially accepted the position in late February.

"In these searches, it has to be a good match both ways ... the university certainly needs to find somebody who they feel is good for the position, and then you as a person applying ... need to feel comfortable," he said.

Klaus

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plans.

The building is being constructed to comply with the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards, and will be only the second building on campus to follow the guidelines.

The LEED standards outline specific requirements for environmentally-friendly features of a building, and include provisions for the use of biodegradable materials, controlling storm water runoff, and other construction tasks.

"We're trying to retain the water [on the site] so ... when we have a need for irrigation, we [can] just recycle

the water," Leroy said.

"We have on the site two cisterns, which is kind of unusual on this campus." The cisterns will give the building sufficient capacity to collect and store the water generated by its AC units as well as other sources of water.

Students look forward to the completion of the building, though some only wish to see the construction come to an end. The construction has led to the closing of several sidewalks and passages, inconveniencing students who must walk around the construction to get to classes. "Construction has become an unwelcome blemish on our picturesque campus," said second-year Chemistry major Richard Kuo.

Drop

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completed.

Student reaction to the drop day change has been mixed.

Andrew Howard, RHA President, said, "[Drop day] is something that the students wanted. ... they've been pushing for it for quite a while."

"The faculty recognized something that needed to be done and ... it proves that the faculty has the students' interest in mind and is not just concerned about their own research," Howard said.

Bobby Henebry, a recent Mechanical Engineering graduate, questioned the usefulness of the move.

"Students abuse drop day, so moving it half-way in the semester doesn't help anything. ... [students] should spend more time preparing for the class and schedule."

"Life doesn't always give you a second chance—if you just put in the time that you are supposed to, you won't have this problem."

Henebry also felt that any benefit that some students might derive from the policy "is advantageous for the wrong group of people."

The number of students potentially affected by this policy change comprises a small percentage of Tech's students.

According to the Student Regulations Committee, four percent of undergraduate students drop their courses in a semester, double the rate of graduate students, of which two percent drop their courses. The motion to pass the drop day measure passed without any dissent in the meeting.

However, a decision about another proposal, grade substitution, which had been slated for consideration by the Academic Senate during the April meeting, was delayed pending further research.

According to the findings of the Student Regulations Committee, "The general consensus was that most faculty were indifferent [to the grade substitution policy] ... of those with strong opinions on the policy, more were in favor of it than opposed to it."

This lack of consensus, in addition to a perception that student opinion on the proposed policy was split, led the committee to direct further research on the issues of retention and course-repeat outcomes.

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Number of freshman women up 32 percent

By Arcadiy Kantor
Staff Writer

[Editor's Note: This article is reprinted, with modifications, from the June 25 issue of the *Technique*.]

Statistics on the freshman class released in June showed significant increases in both female and minority students. The 2004-2005 freshman class has nearly 800 women, as well as 108 Hispanic students.

The number of women admitted shows a 32 percent jump over last year's freshman class. The Hispanic population showed even stronger growth, with a 52 percent increase. Other minorities, including African-Americans and international students, each showed increases of 20.6 and 11.2 percent, respectively.

The College of Sciences will see the largest increase in the number of women taking classes in the fall. With nearly three-fourths of the incoming Biology majors being female, and an 80 percent rise in the number of new female students overall, the college can expect continued growth in the future.

Other colleges benefiting from the increase are the College of Architecture, which admitted 62 percent more women than last year, and the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts, with a 20 percent rise.

Many of the majors with the worst male-to-female ratios continue to have weak female enrollment, however. The College of Computing, as well as most programs of the College of Engineering, did not see significant increases in the number of women admitted.

A significant cause of the increase in the number of admitted females may be the programs aimed at attracting middle and high school girls to careers in science and engineering,

such as the Georgia Tech Futures program.

In addition to recruiting programs, Tech offers several resources for current female students. These include the Women's Resource Center (WRC), an on-campus organization that aims to make the campus environment more supportive and welcoming for women, as well as several college-specific organizations, such as Women@cc, which focuses on women pursuing Computer Science majors.

Some students welcomed increases in the female population. "I think it is good," said Electrical Engineering major Pranav Anbalagan.

Other students worried about potentially discriminatory admissions practices, however. "[It] makes me wonder if they're getting in just because they're girls," said Computer Science major Ellen Matthews.

According to Matthews, this is a common belief among some students on campus. "Walking into class as a girl, I think sometimes the guys think, 'She's just here because they're filling up their quota for girls.'"

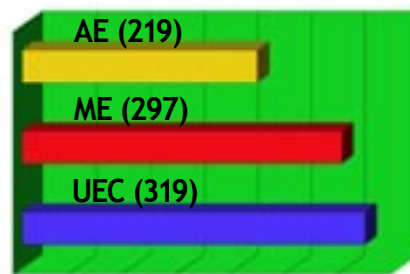
"It's a good thing that they're getting the opportunity to come, but at the same time it puts... stereotypes on the girls who are here, no matter how they got here," she said.

The admissions office said that no preferential treatment is given to female applicants or any other minority population, explaining that the reason for the increase has more to do with females' drive. "When women are looking at college, they are looking at making a difference and an impact on the world," said Katie Faussmagne, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions.

The Institute's Hispanic population, which has grown 125 percent since 2001, has also contributed to increasing diversity on campus.

Freshman Facts

MOST POPULAR MAJORS



Average High School GPA: **3.72**

Average SAT score: **1334**

National Merit Finalists: **104**

National Achievement Finalists: **13**

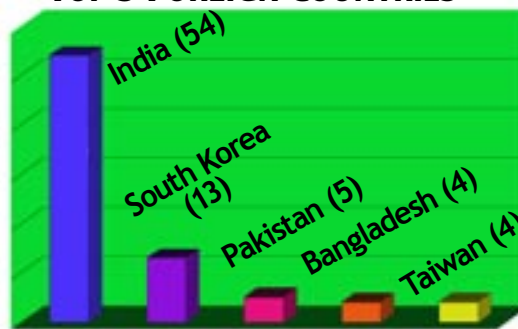
Most popular first names

Female: Jennifer (24), Jessica (23), Ashley (18)
Male: Matthew (66), Michael (62), Andrew (61)

Most popular last names

Female: Smith (8), Kim (6), Lee (5)
Male: Lee (17), Patel (15), Smith (15)

TOP 5 FOREIGN COUNTRIES



No. of Freshmen: **2,617**

Varies slightly during Phase II enrollment

Sets of twins: **6**

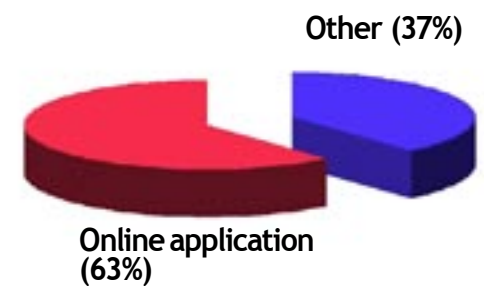
Freshmen with multiple legacies: **119**

Freshmen with at least one legacy: **548**

Percent female: approximately 30.5

Ratio: roughly 7 males to 3 females

WEB APPLICATIONS



States represented: **48**

All but Wyoming and South Dakota. Students also come from D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

High schools represented: **1039**

of 1600 SAT scores: **10**

who did it on same test: **9**

Perfect ACT scores: **1**

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More Information

The Graduate Student Senate (GSS) is the legislative body of the Graduate Student Government (GSG). GSS has input into the annual SGA budget. GSS meetings are held every Tuesday at 11 a.m. in room 117 of the Student Services Building. Senators are elected during the fall semester.

*Due to the fall elections of senators, many positions within the Graduate Student Senate are currently vacant. These positions have not been listed, but information on what positions are available can be found at the Student Government Association Website, sga.gatech.edu. Follow the link on the left to the graduate portion of the legislative branch.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The undergraduate SGA executive officers, from left to right: David Andersen, Krista Hollingsworth, Amy Phuong, Lamar Stewart, Matt Ridley and Tiffany Turner.



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Some of the graduate SGA executive officers: President Kasi David and Executive Vice President Lisa Brown.

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“When the size of the freshman class came in big, we had to look at where we could be able to accommodate people,” Morrison said. Housing moved roughly 100 sophomores from the traditional dorms to Hemphill Apartments, normally a graduate student dorm, and about 150 transfer undergrads to the Graduate Living Center, also a normally graduate-only residence.

By doing this, Morrison said, “We were able to take spaces that were normally traditionals for sophomores, like Hanson, Hefner, Hopkins, and put freshmen in there.”

Even after all of the shuffling in housing, about forty freshmen were left without accommodations. These were freshmen who had missed the May 1 deadline, but “just barely,” said Morrison. “They clearly wanted to be here, and we wanted to find a way to house them.”

Thus, 40 potential living areas

were identified as “flex spaces.” With the exception of one living space, all of the lounges chosen were in fact former rooms themselves and were merely re-converted to their previous state to house two to four students. According to Morrison, they are the “same as the room next door. Same set of furniture, Ethernet, cable, etc.” The only noticeable difference might be a different wall color, or style of door.

“Everybody at first really reacted, as you would, too, until we really were able to reassure them that they have the same set up,” Morrison said. “Once they saw that, I think people were a lot more relaxed about it.”

Two males in Smith Residence Hall were added into rooms that have been converted from a two-person room to a three-person room.

The one exception is a former kitchen lounge in Smith Hall that was converted to house six.

“It does have a few benefits,” said Val Tocitu, one of the residents in Smith 300, citing a larger living

space as a big plus. According to Morrison, the space is able to house even 10 people comfortably. And as for living with five new roommates, Tocitu said, “it would have been the same in another dorm room, only the number is different.”

Derek Mims, a Biomedical Engineering major, said he was satisfied with the living situation. “The only downside is the string of alarm clocks that go off in the morning,” he said. “The full kitchen is really nice,” he added.

“It’s better than other dorms in this building,” added one of Mims’ other roommates while eating a late dinner in the kitchen.

36 people are living in lounges, with 24 men and 14 women housed in flex spaces. With Monday, Aug. 16, as the no-show date for housing, Morrison said he hoped spaces would open up for those students to move elsewhere.

“We’ll probably have seven or eight people who don’t show,” he said. It was not expected for Housing

to get more than 38 cancellations, however, so most of those students will expect to live in their flex space until the end of fall semester.

At that time, people may leave for co-op jobs, graduate or drop out of school. “We always have about three 300 openings in spring semester,” Morrison said, and it is likely that the students will be moved out of flex housing.

The only other students impacted are older students who missed the May 1 deadline, mostly graduate students.

“New graduate students coming in late in the summer simply were not going to find a place to live at Tech,” Morrison said. However, he added, “Most graduate students have at least a little bit more life skills to live off campus.”

The Department of Housing is also discussing the possibility of adding buildings to the Freshmen Experience program. But Morrison said doing so would end up being inconvenient for everyone, especially

those who work for Housing.

“We’re waiting to see if the Institute plans to permanently expand the freshman class size by a couple hundred, then we’ll make that decision,” Morrison said.

But because rising sophomores are guaranteed on-campus housing, “a big freshman class becomes a big sophomore class, which means that next year fewer juniors and seniors will be able to get a space on campus.”

“We have to get ready for the ripple effect. Everything that’s people-specific is going to feel a little more crowded this year. The bookstore can order more books, the dining hall can make more food, but I can’t manufacture more housing,” Morrison said.

The last time flex housing was used was in 1998, when a similar unexpected increase in the incoming class occurred. That year, 100 beds were actually rented from the Georgia State facilities across the street.

Come to the Photo staff meetings ... Thursday at 6 p.m. in Room 137 of the Flag Building

Signs

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terfield said.

The project in its present form has been in discussion since 2000, but the signs themselves did not actually start appearing on campus until last year. This is mostly due to the months-long process in developing them.

The actual manufacture and installation of the signs is preceded by meetings to assure that the graphical information, design, timeline to issue contract documents and approve the graphics manufacturer, and other administrative details are all correct.

Once the signs are ready for installation, the site must first be inspected for any intruding underground utilities.

"It's a long process, considering the scale of the project," Satterfield said. "It's hundreds of signs, eventually, and they all need to be coordinated and look similar."

The signs range in value from \$200 to \$3,000, which includes the manufacturing cost and other related services. The administration provides the financial support to offset these costs from endowment funds.

The project has also incurred additional expense due to scattered incidences of theft and vandalism.

"The signs were attractive and sought after as souvenirs, and many left the campus with the students at the end of the spring semester," said Satterfield, referring to the signs and

maps that were installed in the spring of last year. "We hope to have the Stinger and Trolley signs restored in about two weeks at a cost of several thousand dollars."

He added that there are plans to install the new signs with more tamper-resistant fittings.

Students who have noticed the signs hope to see further improvements in the future.

"They could be a little more visible, [although] you can't really say that they are done with the design

"The signs were attractive and sought after as souvenirs, and many left the campus with students..."

Bradley Satterfield
Campus architect

of them," said Jessica Walden, a first-year Industrial Engineering graduate student.

"The most help would be more signage for vehicles," added Erik Kline, a fourth-year Computer Science major.

"I see visitors driving around, apparently lost [and] trying to figure out where to park," he said.

Satterfield, however, is already citing positive feedback from visitors.

"We've had some nice compliments that people appreciate the signs and have found them helpful, and I'm grateful for those comments," he said.

Some returning students have also noticed the signs and applauded the project's efforts.

"Most people who aren't familiar with the...campus terminology would have no idea what 'West Campus', 'Technology Square', or other commonly known places are or how to get there," said Anna Clesson, a second-year Undecided Engineering major.

Some have even observed the benefits of the new system.

"I am usually approached by a non-student person, and I haven't been lately, so maybe the signs are having an impact," said Jacqueline Jones, a fourth-year Industrial Engineering major.

The signs may also prove to be advantageous for students, however, especially for entering freshmen. Some upperclassmen remembered the confusion of trying to navigate the Tech campus their freshman year.

"I'd say that the signs are most useful for new freshmen and parents... but I can remember times when they would have been useful," said Ben Spivey, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major.

"Coming from a small town, even learning Tech's campus was overwhelming for me," Walden added. "Those first few weeks were super confusing, and I kept getting turned around a lot."

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about six months after the June 26 groundbreaking ceremony.

"On that weekend, we had all the alumni come back, and a bunch of brothers were here, and there were speeches and thank-yous and...since then it's just been going on like crazy," Sibal said.

"The new house is important for us as a next step in the fraternity. It's a big step," Sibal said.

"Fifteen years we've been in existence here at Georgia Tech; and to be able to build a house like that in that short of time is a big accomplishment for us," he added.

Sibal said they had to work very closely with Georgia Tech in making sure they could lease the land. Delta Sigma Theta used to have a house there and it was torn down; since then, the space has just been a bare lot.

Although Tech has rights to the property, it was his understanding that it was planned to be in the Greek sector. Eventually Delta Sigma Theta got Phi Mu's old house when Phi Mu built their new one, so they no longer needed the land. Delta Chi then looked into absorbing it.

Raising money for the house involved "a lot of person-to-person" type fundraising. Keith Shriver led the fundraising effort, which grossed over \$150,000.

"We did do some fundraising on our own, like working football and baseball games, Sibal said. "That's money, but that's not big money,

and a lot of big money came from alumni. It's been good to have the support of people like Keith Shriver and Mike Carroll who've been here since day one and seen the fraternity develop."

"We have a great alumni group," he added. Their housing corporation has Delta Chi alumni who are architects, businessmen and project managers.

"The guy actually working on the house right now, Mr. David Drews, is...the construction manager and his company helped out a lot in getting this thing off the ground. He was actually recognized by Delta Chi nationally with a Meritorious Service Award for all the work he's done," Sibal said.

Delta Chi had more than just one man involved in getting the project successfully off the ground, however.

Sibal believes that the recognition the Tech chapter of Delta Chi has enjoyed at a national level has played a significant part in the development of the project.

In 14 years, the fraternity has won a total of 10 President's Cups, the highest award for Delta Chi nationally.

In addition, the brothers won the North American Interfraternity Conference Award of Distinction last year, which is awarded to the top five out of 8,000 chapters of various fraternities.

"We were very proud of that. That success really helps when you're trying to fundraise and speak to alumni and all that," Sibal said.

OPINIONS

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"The most incomprehensible thing about the world is that it is at all comprehensible."
—Albert Einstein

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Farewell, OSCAR Web

When students tried to look up classes to register for fall semester, instead of being welcomed by the beloved grid pattern of OSCAR Web, a white page saying "OSCAR Web site has now moved" greeted them instead. Although the site now provides links to the OSCAR (Banner) site, the links are confusing, to say the least.

In the good ol' days, students could find links to class schedules, transfer credit equivalencies, general registration information and course critiques, among others. Now, students have to go on a scavenger hunt for the information at either oscar.gatech.edu, the Registrar's homepage or the SGA homepage.

While we appreciate the Office of the Registrar's attempt to make Banner better, we are having a hard time understanding why the system was changed at all. The old approach worked perfectly well—there was never any confusion about the school calendar or when certain classes were offered because OSCAR Web neatly organized such things in an easy-to-use fashion.

It is now an incredibly tedious and time-consuming process for returning students to navigate a myriad of web sites before they can find out if a class is offered and where it's located. Getting permits for certain classes is hard enough without having to spend extra time figuring out if it is even offered this fall. OSCAR Web may have only been designed in the late 1990s to be a "temporary fix," but it has since become a useful asset to Tech students.

In the past few years, students have been very vocal about letting administrators know when they want changes—as evidenced by the move of Drop Day and Spring Break. Therefore, the Registrar should have thought twice about making a change without students clamoring for it first.

At the very least, the Registrar's Office should help ease our suffering by using OSCAR Web as a redirection mechanism. Instead of expecting students to sift through a scattered mess of webpages, it would be more efficient to use the site to link all the critical information we need. Why should we have to spend twice as long to find our course schedules when all we need is a few simple hypertext links?

If the Registrar's goal was to integrate the Institute's web resources to make life easier for students, there was no reason to kill OSCAR Web when it already fulfilled those needs. Instead of tearing apart existing infrastructure, administrators should build upon OSCAR Web and make improvements. Constructing a totally new system wastes time and finite resources.

We should all take a moment of silence for our beloved OSCAR Web. We miss you, and hope to see your safe return before we have to register for spring classes.

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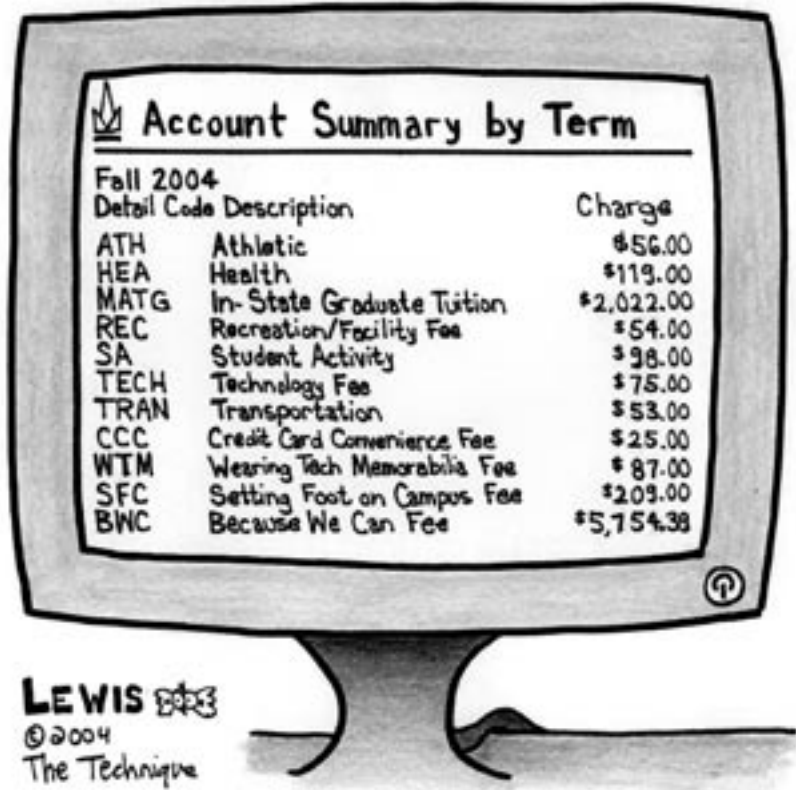
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By Brian Lewis / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Changing majors? Don't sweat it

The application stated Mechanical Engineering. First semester it became Industrial Engineering. Then shortly thereafter the major of the day was Computer Science. Ultimately the adventure will come to an end this year with Public Policy.

My seemingly haphazard path towards a major probably sends chills down guidance counselors' spines.

Parents may shake their heads at what they think is a child's direction gone askew. I can assure you, neither group is correct in their superficial assumptions.

Each of my major switches has a common thread stitching them together. At every turn of my tutelage lies a new professional experience.

I became comfortable in my dorkiness, like most of you, long before entrance to Tech. I attended a science and technology high school, and during my senior year, I had the fortunate opportunity of interning with a railroad-technology company.

The world of mechanical engineering, my "first love," became more like waking up the night after.

The experience of jumping into the R&D world so early was eye-opening and quite interesting. But it didn't excite me enough beyond my time there. Thus, I bolted, quickly notifying Tech to save me from ME.

One gem that I gleaned from the experience was my interest in the business workings of firms, especially managing high-tech development. Industrial Engineering seemed to be the logical field.

I enrolled in PSYC 1000 for Industrial Engineers, and perhaps contrary to most people enjoyed it immensely. Why? Because I found out that I hated I.E.

The class did a fantastic job of exposing me to what professionals in that field did. Bottom line, logistics is a much-needed expertise—but



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Art Seavey
Development Editor

leave me out of it.

In high school I took a few computer programming classes, why not try out a few more? During my first year at Tech, I enrolled in five CS courses.

In the summer, I went back home and worked for a different division within the same engineering company. Only this time, I played the role of a computer scientist supporting Department of Defense intelligence agencies. Once again, I can't thank the company and my colleagues enough. They literally changed my life.

Coding, although interesting in high-school, is different when you have to do it eight hours a day. I prefer sunshine.

My longest-lived major so far, read three semesters, is Public Policy, perhaps the biggest crapshoot of them all. Impulsively I asked to perform research with a professor. I had no clue what the topic would be, but I knew it would be something completely off my usual path.

Two semesters of nuclear waste transportation issues later, my pseudo-professional experience opened new doors. But still, I had to do more examination to make sure that Public Policy was a keeper.

Luckily, a year after my swap, another litmus test was around the corner to confirm its viability. This summer I interned with the Natural Resources Defense Council in Washington, D.C. I was exposed to wonderfully foreign fields of nuclear

security and government relations.

Here the answers to questions I had never before surmised came rushing up to me.

Before, I was worried about starting salaries, long-term job security and maintaining the status quo of my education. Never before had I ended a job with a feeling of emptiness.

In the past, the last day of work was a relief. The answer had come to the question of what field truly made me want to get up in the morning.

The upshot is that if you told me four years ago I would not be delving into math problems incessantly and pigeonholed into mechanical engineering, I would have recommended you procure a strait jacket. Today, only three years after entering Tech, I am graduating with over a year's worth of varied, valuable professional experience.

No matter how stubborn or goal-oriented you are, your path will change, or at least should change repeatedly.

Tech, with its diverse offerings and avenues out into the real world, would be a waste if not for peeking around every corner. Eventually you will find the correct hallway and venture out to make your mark on the world.

I urge you to land internships, perform research with a professor and get deeply involved with an organization. Nothing can replace experiential learning. Hating a professional experience is just as valuable as loving it.

You don't know everything, and that's OK

Freshmen. They show up for the first day of class full of enthusiasm, energy and drive. They show up on time, having awoken early enough for a hot shower and a warm Brittain breakfast.

They sit erect in class, taking notes on everything the professor says, relevancy not required. As soon as the Whistle blows, they rush across the Fifth Street Bridge to buy every textbook listed on the syllabus—full price, latest edition, brand-spanking new.

And that's good. Tech needs this infusion of vibrancy each fall. By and large, upperclassmen aren't put off by this youthful spunk. We view it wistfully, nostalgically, like echoes of a long-forgotten song. We don't begrudge these bright, happy individuals their brief, fleeting moment to envision how glorious college life will be.

No, what pisses Tech veterans off about freshmen is not their blissful ignorance. What pisses off Tech veterans is a freshman's overwhelming arrogance.

Freshman Arrogance Syndrome (FAS) is a malicious pathology.

We've all encountered someone who has fallen victim to the illness; that person sitting in the first row who feels an insatiable need to demonstrate that he knows just a little bit more than



"Freshmen, you do not know everything. And that's ok. Accept it. Embrace it."

Daniel Amick
Editor-in-Chief

everyone else in the room, including the professor.

Students afflicted with FAS often can't see it in themselves until it's too late. Here are the symptoms of classic FAS in its most extreme form:

1. He (freshman arrogance usually manifests itself most visibly in males, though not always) comes from a local high school where he was at the top of his class.

2. He lacks even a hint of social skill, as well as the capacity to interact with members of the opposite sex. He does however have several years of coding experience (self-taught, of course...alone...in his basement).

3. To make up for social inadequacy, he needs to dominate every situation, staggering his peers with his vast knowledge and analytical ability.

4. He enters Tech with a step-by-step career plan that

includes a three-year schedule for graduation, entry into a top graduate school for doctoral work, a projected starting salary and the name of the Fortune 500 company that will hire him.

If left untreated, FAS inevitably leads the subject to ask pointless, off-topic questions one to two minutes before the end of class. These questions prompt a seven to eight minute response from the professor.

Because this freshman sits as close to the professor as possible, he doesn't realize that disgruntled seniors are preparing to lob heavy objects at him from the upper rows.

FAS can also manifest itself in less extreme forms. Most students suffer from FAS at one time or another, and it can reassert itself unexpectedly, even after the freshman year.

This occurs most often in group project settings. The tendency to dominate drives

the subject to either condemn contravening ideas or adopt them as his own.

If you or anyone you know exhibits some or all of these symptoms, seek help immediately. There are a variety of remedies.

The simplest and most effective cure for FAS is the first flurry of tests, exams and papers that all are due around the second week in September. This treatment will cure approximately 80 percent of FAS victims.

Should that treatment fail, there are other alternatives. Dead week projects combined with finals week and depressing grade postings just before Christmas will usually cure 15 of the remaining 20 percent.

Some, though, can never be helped. They carry their arrogance into their second, third, tenth years. At that point the syndrome becomes Freshman Arrogance Syndrome—Extended Term (FASET).

Freshmen, you do not know everything. And that's OK. Accept it. Embrace it.

College is a time to expose yourself to new ideas, to accept that other people have important, relevant, interesting things to say—things you may never have conceived of. Now is a time to listen as often, or more often, than you speak.

OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT- or -NOT



Homepage makeover

After years of the same old www.gatech.edu, Tech has finally given its homepage a much-needed makeover. Even UGA used to have a better-looking webpage, but now with our webpage's soft butter-yellow tones and eye-catching graphics, we can finally showcase our best assets. We're also really digging the new Buzz poll, challenging us to think outside the Tech bubble.



Charge it? Not likely

Just when you thought Tech couldn't find anything else to charge us for, the Bursar's Office decided to assess a \$25 convenience fee on all credit card transactions online. Although the new fee will help Tech defray the costs of Visa and Mastercard's merchant fees, students were still caught off guard this month. At least students can use the new WebCheck system, and save their money for Pandini's.



Commons opens

How cool is it that in one convenient place we can get an Einstein Bros. bagel, meet an SGA rep, and watch a giant plasma TV? Plus we're glad to see Jackets finally open. After all, where else can we get root beer on tap? However, we're not feeling the cheesy "CNB Seen" grand opening slogan.



Parking squatters

Peter's parking deck permit holders got burned Wednesday. Instead of being able to park in their paid spot, the deck has been overrun with parking squatters. How awful would it be find your favorite spot taken by an illegally parked car? Despite the visible presence of tow trucks, we're devastated to say the least.

YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where are my 800 pages?

As any third year or older remembers, OIT has restricted lab printing for the past several years to 50 pages per week.

After overwhelming protest from the student body over this inadequacy, they updated the policy to offer 800 pages per semester.

Sadly, we have regressed. When I stopped by the library in my normal, early-semester routine to print lecture notes and syllabi on Monday, I was stunned when I was only able to print one course's worth of material.

It appears I had exhausted my Virtual Printing Units (VPUs) in no time. How is a student supposed to survive off only 50 pages per week, and why did it

change?

Many students are required to print lecture slides and various readings or old exams from electronic reserve.

These printouts quickly sum up to over 50 pages some weeks, allowing no slack to print any last minute reports or notes.

On the contrary, there are weeks when these same students do not need to print anything, yet they lose their 50 pages.

VPUs do not rollover week to week, in the same manner that most unused cell phone minutes do not carry over from month to month.

Furthermore, there is no way

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BUZZ

Around the Campus
What are you looking forward to this fall?



Justin Steigerwalt
Fifth-year AE

"Graduating!"



Misty Hayden
Third-year CS

"I want to make better grades."



Meg Goldman
First-year ARCH

"My architecture classes, and meeting new people."



Rebekah Neal
Fourth-year BME

"The end of next semester."

Photos by Stephen Marek

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to print a color document longer than 10 pages since color printouts cost five VPU's per page instead of just one.

To print larger files, and to not deduct from the 50-page-per-week limit, OIT suggests sending jobs to Central Printing and Copying Services (Central PCS) through Acme.

I have relied on Central PCS for years to print large documents, but it has its drawbacks.

For one, users must first save their file as a PostScript, which occasionally drops formatting, before sending it. Then, it's several hours or even the following day before you can pick up your printouts from the Rich Building.

Finally, every file has a coversheet of a solid-black GT logo attached to the top that almost always gets thrown away. Does no one consider that to be a waste of paper or toner?

I support OIT's initiative to limit unnecessary and accidental printing through the use of the Print Release Stations.

But the quota per student should be set at a reasonable level so as not to hinder students. The quota should not be based on any length of time less than a semester.

Since OIT already monitors individual printing, a more appropriate action would have been to warn and reprimand those who abused the system.

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GUEST EDITORIAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Take advantage of this year's opportunities

Welcome! My name is Amy Phuong and I am the Undergraduate Student Body President of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

First, I would like to personally express how excited I am to kick off an extraordinary year to come. To all the freshmen—RATS rather—it's an honor that you have chosen to be a part of Tech's community.

After having had the pleasure of meeting many of you during FASET, I truly can say that this is the most qualified and talented class in Tech's history.

Not only does your class have the grades and aptitudes, you already have the motivation, energy and drive to get involved in student organizations and create your own initiatives.

The Student Government Association is here for you to help you achieve your goals and ambitions during your Tech career, whether that is three or seven years down the road from now.

We provide numerous opportunities at different times throughout the year to get involved.

Whether it is joining freShGA, running for a Representative position in the House or being actively involved in several Executive and Institute-Wide Committees. We are always seeking students to mold and shape the future of Tech with innovative ideas. Each branch of Student Government is designed to meet your interests.

So what else does Student Gov-



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Amy Phuong
SGA President

ernment do? Well simply put, we are your voice and the voice of the student body. We are the link to the different facets on campus— from the students to the administration, faculty and staff. The Student Government Association voices ideas, opinions and concerns of the student body to promote positive change.

Currently, the Student Government Association is working hard to promote student life programs such as Midnight Breakfast, Women Awareness Month, and GT Night @ Six Flags (shameless plug to tell you to buy your ticket NOW for the Sept. 3 event!).

We are also working with other leading student organizations to provide more campus resources to students and examine pertinent issues.

With other institute departments, we are researching ways to improve academics from looking at existing policies to continuing strong student and faculty relationships.

We are proud to announce the nearing completion of the campus running loop and more advertis-

ing space through plasma screens, and the Drop Date for classes is now pushed to the eighth week of school.

This is such a great time to be a Yellow Jacket! Our campus has grown tremendously, offering more space for students to utilize for academics and social life.

There are more ways to stay fit with the grand opening of the Campus Recreation Center and all of its new equipment and workout rooms.

There are more dining options available from the growing restaurants in Tech Square and the Student Center Commons.

On top of our physical improvements to the campus this year, Tech has grown in size and diversity of students.

We have enrolled over 2600 new students with the highest enrollment rate of women at 33 percent. This means that there are even more opportunities to gain personal growth, development and awareness from your peers.

As part of my job as your Student

Body President, I hope to be able to meet you. The Student Government Association's new office is located in the Student Center Commons on the first floor across from Einstein Bros.

Feel free to stop by as we welcome all questions or comments you may have.

Our official "Open House" for you to take a break from classes and meet me, my fellow Executive Officers, and your fellow Representatives is Aug. 23 from 10 a.m. to 1p.m.

There will be other opportunities throughout the year to "meet and greet" Student Government members. I'll be looking out for you throughout the year at all sporting events and campus-wide programs.

So whether you're an incoming freshman, a transfer student, or an "old person" like me, the Student Government Association is always here for you.

I, along with the rest of the officers, serve you, the students. Utilize us as much as possible, because that's why we are here.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at feedback@sga.gatech.edu. On behalf of the Student Government Association, best of luck with the start of this semester. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Amy Phuong is a fourth year International Affairs student and SGA president. You can contact her at president@sga.gatech.edu



FOCUS

Freshman Issue 2004

LAWN increases laptop usage

By Arcadiy Kantor
Staff Writer

Since it first launched in 1999, Tech's Local Area Wireless/Walkup Network (LAWN) has grown by leaps and bounds.

The network, which is responsible for all wireless access on campus, as well as a majority of the ethernet ports available to students in locations like the library and the Student Center, has expanded rapidly both in terms of the number of users

and its coverage area, and has developed into a key service for the campus.

One of the reasons for the increased number of users has been the proliferation of Wi-Fi-enabled devices on campus. Wi-Fi, the popular generic term used to describe the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' 802.11 standards for wireless internet access, has found increasing support throughout the U.S., and the Tech campus is no exception.



By Ethan Trehwitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A student uses the wireless connection in the atrium of the Student Services Building. As campus wireless coverage increases, more freshmen are purchasing and using laptops.

"More and more things come with built-in wireless," said Matthew Sanders, who manages OIT's wireless projects, including LAWN. To provide support for all the new wireless devices on campus, OIT has aggressively expanded the network's coverage. At this point, 83 buildings around campus have at least partial coverage, and 52 of them are covered completely. This number has continued to increase rapidly over the past two years.

Students have taken advantage of the increased network availability.

"It's in a lot of convenient places, and if I can't get a signal, there's always the 'Walkup' part of the 'Wireless/Walkup' that allows me to connect," said third-year Computer Science major Daniel Pak, who uses his laptop as his primary computer. "Brittain Dining hall became one of my night study spots once the LAWN was introduced there."

This coverage has made laptops an increasingly attractive and practical option for many students.

"I would say there has been an increase in the past few years," said Adrian Smith, ResNet's program manager. "We do a

customer satisfaction survey... and this spring the number [of students] that had at least one laptop was about 32 percent."

Laptops have several advantages over desktop computers. "I wanted a computer that I could easily take home with me on weekends and to the [College of Computing] where I would work," Pak said. "There's little I've found that my laptop can't handle, [and] I can take it anywhere I want."

There are, however, trade-offs related to buying a laptop over a desktop, including higher prices and lack of upgrade options.

"We try to... recommend things that will last your entire Georgia Tech

career, which of course is four to five years... There are several times during that fourth or fifth year that [the] laptop may not provide the academic support that it once did," Smith said.

Some students also do not find laptops to be as useful as Pak finds his.

"Tech offers many computers for use around campus—at the library, Student Center, College of Computing," said Alok

"This spring the number [of students] that had at least one laptop was about 32 percent."

Adrian Smith
ResNet Program Mgr.

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Hall directors bring new perspective to FE

By Jennifer Lee
Focus Editor

This year's incoming freshmen will be part of the first Freshman Experience (FE) Program under a new staff structure that was announced last fall.

This year, there are seven new Hall Directors, who will each supervise one to three FE dorms. The Hall Directors are professional staff, and replace the student positions of Peer Advisor from last year. These Hall Directors will be further overseen by three Area Managers, who were previously Residence Life Coordinators under the old structure.

The Hall Directors were hired through an intense interview process and come from a variety of backgrounds. All have prior experience in residence life, and many view the position of Hall Director as a good way to get their foot in the door of student affairs.

"This is a great entry-level position for student affairs," said Mitch Tappen, the Hall Director for Smith Hall. Tappen is from Idaho and previously served in the Peace Corps before taking the Hall Director position.

Teresa Piekarski, Hall Director for Brown and Howell, has a master's degree in higher education from Virginia Tech and expressed similar aspirations.

Though the impact of the new structure remains to be seen, the overall feeling of the FE administration is that a full-time position will benefit not only the staff, but the freshmen as well.

"I think this position will be better because now that I'm a Hall Director, I don't have classes and clubs and everything

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After one year, Tech Square continues to grow

Fall semester brings numerous store openings, renewed business after a slow summer

By Smitha Prasad
Contributing Writer

[Editor's Note: This article is reprinted, with modifications, from the July 9 issue of the *Technique*.]

Technology Square, the expansion of Tech's campus across I-75 and into Midtown, is roughly a year old and still going strong. Home to—among other buildings—the School of Management, the campus bookstore, the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center (which has hosted politicians and celebrities), and various restaurants and retail shops, this new addition to Tech's campus has successfully integrated the Institute with the vibrant Midtown community, giving the students a new set of accessible stores and Midtown a new neighborhood with a distinctive feel.

The commercial district made its debut last summer, and the past year has shown most of the stores to be very successful, though some were forced to close due to lack of business. Others that had been planned were never actually launched. Among the existing stores, some have had slower-than-expected business, but

many have still done well enough to stay afloat, and the rest have flourished.

"Sales have increased each month since the stores opened," said Rich Steele, director of the Student Center. "It's been a tough economic environment... the summer's been really hard—sales have dropped by 40 percent. None of us were expecting that."

However, Steele is confident that the start of fall semester, as well

as the recent and forthcoming additions to Tech Square, will bring the numbers back up. "By early-to mid-fall, every operation but one will be open," Steele pointed out. "Our goal was

to offer a set of unique retailers, that are appropriate for Midtown and appropriate for Georgia Tech, and that fit the needs of campus."

Students have embraced the new stores as valuable, accessible and generally affordable resources, with more selection and better hours than the facilities provided by Auxiliary Services. Brian Byrne, a recent Computer Science graduate, confirmed this. "It gives students somewhere to eat after 3," he said.

The mixture of the student popu-



Photo courtesy Institute Communications and Public Affairs

One year after opening, Technology Square businesses are still enjoying the unique mix of Midtown community patrons and students. Several new restaurants will be added by the end of fall.

lation with the Midtown community has interested the store proprietors from the very beginning. Tom Orshinjiro, the outgoing owner of the popular Tin Drum Asia Cafe, is excited about the progress Tech Square has made during its first year. "It's giving Georgia Tech a very good profile, and it's drawing traffic from all over," he said. According to

Orshinjiro, Tin Drum's clientele has been primarily students, with some people from the community as well. He also praised Tech students for being "very well-behaved," which he said has helped make people outside the Tech community feel welcome.

Colin Gillens is a fifth-year Computer Science major and supervisor

of the Tech Square Starbucks. "Tech Square's improving, but it's still got a way to go as new stores open," he points out. He is generally satisfied with how his store has served both the Tech and Midtown communities. "It's an interesting atmosphere, since it's infused with the student

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Introduction

Focus is a magazine-style section that covers Tech issues, ideas and individuals. Inside, you will find examples of proactive, feature-based journalism. The impetus for news stories originates outside the *Technique* office, while Focus stories often come from within. Focus writers seek out the most interesting stories on campus.

If you have any questions or comments about the Focus section, contact its editor, Jennifer Lee, at focus@technique.gatech.edu.

Cover photo

Aakash Jariwala, WREK's general manager, searches for a CD on the eight-foot shelves that house WREK's extensive music collection. WREK 91.1 FM, Tech's student-run radio station, recently moved to a new broadcasting studio in the Student Center Commons and went live on the air on July 27.

Several other organizations have also completed their moves into the Commons: for more information, check out the related story on page 6.

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else to worry about," said Christina Patrick, Hall Director for Cloudman. Patrick is a Tech graduate and a former Peer Advisor.

Bob Morton, Assistant Director for Freshman Experience Program, added, "We're hoping that with full-time attention on what the Peer Leaders are doing, Peer Leader performance will increase. Hopefully the trickle-down will be that all the freshmen are getting more consistent opportunities."

While Peer Leaders will still be in charge of most programming, Hall Directors will help to mediate conflicts, supervise Hall Council, and oversee other duties. Area Managers will be in charge of disciplinary cases, such as those involving alcohol.

Though the Hall Directors will have offices in the buildings they supervise, they will live in separate on-campus apartments, as opposed to Peer Advisors, who lived in the freshman dorms. As a result, FE

was able to accept 50 additional participants this year—a benefit, said Morton, considering the increase in the incoming freshman class.

The Freshman Experience budget was also able to be redistributed to allow for the additional professional staff positions.

"We removed 20 Peer Advisors' stipends, their meal plan and rent exemptions from the payroll. We also removed four Staff Advisors, their meal plan and rent. We converted their room space from a single staff room...to double, revenue generating spaces, which added space for 50 more freshmen," Morton said. "The Director of Residence Life did not have to request a larger budget to pay the Hall Directors salaries."

Though some returning Peer Leaders may have their doubts about the new Hall Directors, they do bring an enthusiasm to the job. According to Area Manager Laura Powders, "They're very sincere about wanting to do a good job."

Tobias Spears, Hall Director for

Folk and Caldwell, confirmed this. "I'm looking forward to getting the residents involved," he said.

The Hall Directors also bring a sense of humor to the job as well. When asked what his previous experience was, Shane Caldwell, Hall Director for Towers, deadpanned, "Actually, I have no housing experience. I used to be a used car salesman," before the rest of the group broke into laughter.

"We're a fun loving bunch," said Joe Slade, Hall Director for Glenn.

Freshmen may also play a role in refining the Hall Director job description as well. Patrick commented that freshmen should feel comfortable contacting them.

"I think everybody will have office hours, but outside of that, we'll just be around the dorms... seeing what's going on, talking to people," she said. "I think the students will be comfortable with calling us whether we happen to be in the office or not."

Students head to Boston for DNC

By Joshua Cuneo
Senior Staff Writer

The hot news item at the end of July was the Democratic National Convention in Boston, where the Democratic Party formalized its nomination of Senator John Kerry for the 2004 presidential election.

But the commotion of the convention overshadowed its collegiate counterpart next door, the College Democrats of America National Convention, an annual event where College Democrats from universities nationwide gather together to meet famous delegates and elect next year's officers.

Two students from the Georgia Tech College Democrats—Alan Bakowski, a first-year Public Policy graduate student, and Todd Perry, a second-year Computer Science graduate student—were among the college delegates this weekend. The two sat down with the *Technique* recently to share some of their experiences.

Technique: So how was the CDA convention different this

year because of the presence of the national convention next door?

Bakowski: We had several people speak at College Democratic Convention [such as] Teresa Heinz Kerry and P. Diddy.

Perry: I was under the impression [that] we had unusually good speakers at the opening event of the College Democrats because of the national convention.

AB: Oh yeah. People like Al Sharpton.

What else did you get to do at the convention?

TP: Another thing we haven't mentioned yet is going to the Georgia delegation breakfast.

AB: We had breakfast with the mayor Shirley Franklin.

TP: Yeah, I sat at one table with...Lt. Governor Mark Taylor.

AB: Jimmy Carter came up to us, [and] Max Cleland, the former US senator from Georgia who gave the introduction speech for Kerry on Thursday night [was there].

TP: [Also], the Harvard Kennedy School of Government

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Campus orgs push for voter awareness

By Jennifer Lee
Focus Editor

With the 2004 election coming up, many students, especially freshmen, may be eligible to vote for the first time. However, statistics show that the college demographic (ages 18-24) consistently has the lowest voter turnout during elections.

The good news is that many organizations at Tech are working to get students registered to vote in light of what promises to be a very close election.

The Student Government Association (SGA) has created an ad-hoc committee, the Civic Relations Committee, that is currently being fleshed out. Undergraduate Student Body President Amy Phuong said the committee was formed in response to an overall desire from groups on campus to see a push for general political awareness.

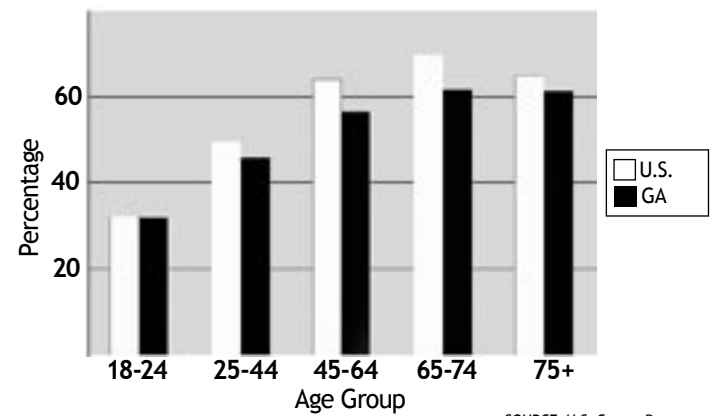
She added that an SGA committee also offers a nonpartisan face to a voter registration effort. "It's kind of putting an umbrella to everything on campus," Phuong said.

Ruth Malhotra, a fourth-year International Affairs student and Chair of College Republicans, will chair the Civic Relations Committee. Malhotra emphasized that despite her position as College Republicans Chair, the Civic Relations Committee would indeed be nonpartisan.

"I talked to Amy last year," Malhotra said. "As an officer of College

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PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS WHO VOTED IN 2000



College-aged students have the lowest voter turnout of all age groups. Georgia voter turnout is below the national average.

Wanna vote? Here's how

1. Decide where you want to register.

You can choose to register at Tech or in your home state. This choice won't affect who you vote for as president, but it will affect who you're voting for in state and local government.

2. Register.

If you want to vote at Tech, you can register at an on-campus voter registration drive or online at the Secretary of State's website (www.sos.state.ga.us). If you want to register at home, you can do so online at numerous sites (such as www.yourvotematters.org). Deadlines to register differ by state, so make sure to check yours: Georgia's is October 4.

3. Vote.

Election day is Tuesday, November 2. If you registered to vote at Tech, the poll location is the Student Center, which makes it easy to cast your vote between classes. If you registered to vote at home, you'll have to drive to your registered polling place. Or you can vote absentee by requesting an absentee ballot.

Moving In: A Tour of the Student Center

INTRODUCTION

Students who have complained about an embarrassingly small Student Center for such a large university can take comfort in the new Student Center Commons (SCC), an expansion of the Student Center that opened up to students last March and has its official grand opening this month. This collection of restaurants, shops, lounge areas, offices and conference rooms has been in the works since 2000, although construction began just last year after the campus bookstore—which formerly occupied the space—moved into its new space in Tech Square.

The SCC is currently in the midst of its official grand opening, which began August 14. “We [want to] encourage students to use it as their own,” said Rich Steele, Director for the Student Center. “The first few days after it opened, students would ask... ‘Is it okay if I come in here?’ We had to convince [them] that it’s for students. We would love for students to start telling their peers, ‘Hey, let’s [go to the] Student Center Commons, and we’ll figure out what we’re going to do and study and eat,’” he said.

“We call it the social crossroads for the campus,” Steele said. “It’s where you can come and see and be seen.” The SCC offers everything, he said. It is a place for students to gather, study, eat, sleep, shop, socialize and simply relax.

NOOKS AND CRANNIES

Two large meeting rooms and four conference rooms are available for general use on the first and second floors. A study lounge is tucked away just outside the BuzzCard Center. “We try to create space for students to gather,” Steele said. “We understand that students, no matter where they sit, might want to sleep, talk to friends, eat [or] study, so we try to create space that is more conducive for all these activities.”

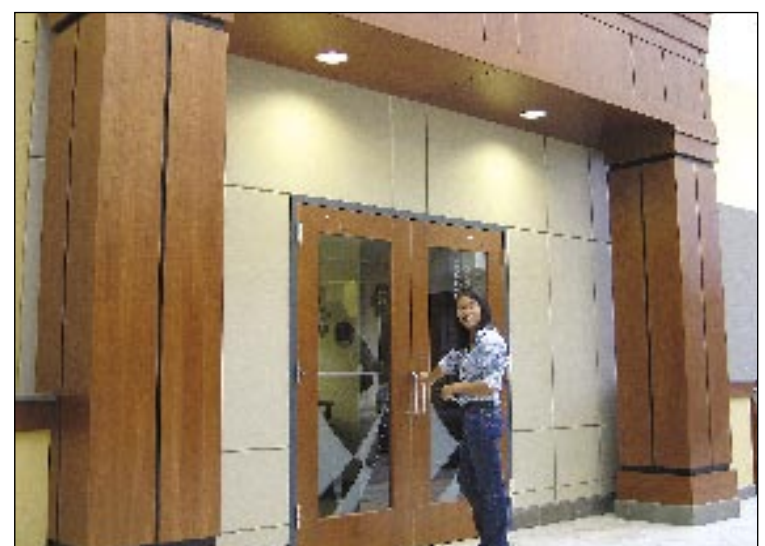
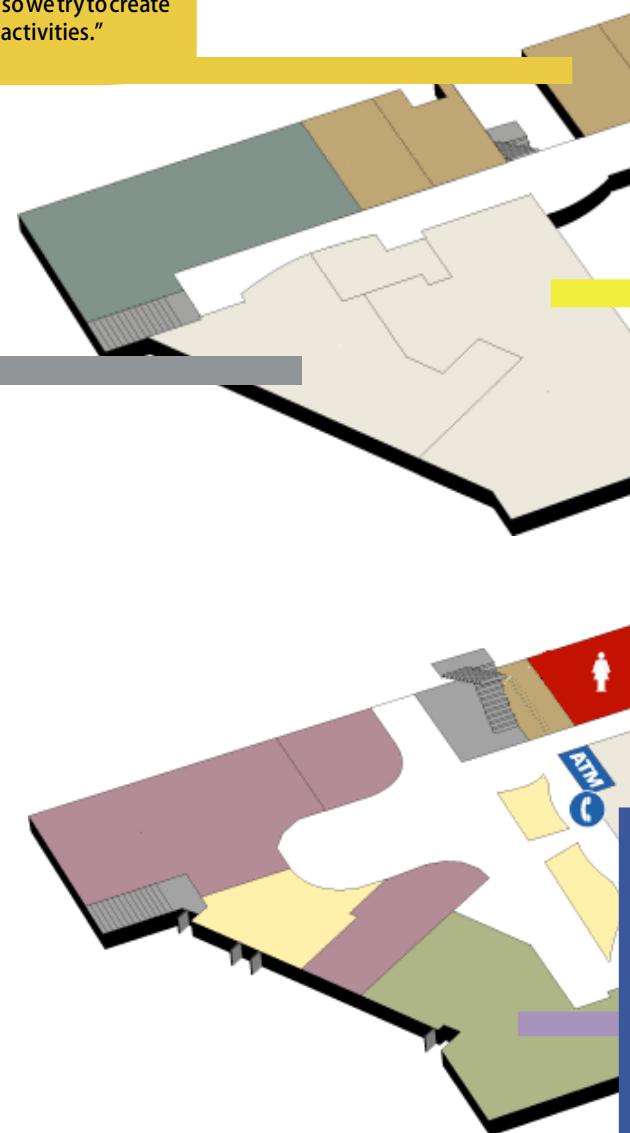
WREK

WREK 91.1 FM, the campus radio station, has a new broadcasting studio located right next to the Student Involvement Center on the second floor. Previously, WREK was located by the Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Aakash Jariwala, WREK’s General Manager, hopes that its new location will help increase student involvement in the radio station. “We were at the far end of the world over at the Coliseum,” said Jariwala. “With this central location, people won’t have to travel as far to get down here.”

The new studio is smaller than the old one, but it boasts a bigger production room and more storage space for WREK’s extensive music collection. Jariwala also expressed excitement over plans to make the station fully digital in the coming months.

WREK went live from their new studio on July 27th, and while there are still plenty of boxes to unpack and repairs to make, the crew has already looked ahead to future programming opportunities. “We plan on establishing a closer relationship with the [Athletic Association],” he said. “We’re the official flagship station for... women’s basketball, volleyball and men’s baseball.”

WREK has also started using the Student Center Commons’ stage for their Tuesday night “Live at WREK” show, which features live performances by popular music bands.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Perhaps no student organization can more appropriately sit in the center of student activity than the Student Government Association (SGA). “We wanted to be in a centralized location where all the students would be,” said Georgia Braxton, an administrative assistant in the SGA office. “Students wouldn’t [have to] run from one building to another to take things up with the student government.”

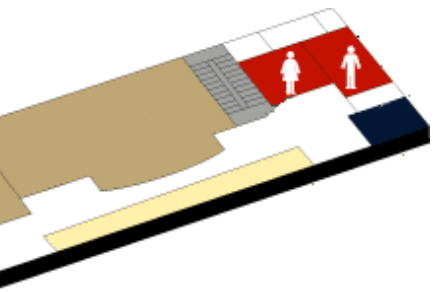
The new office comes complete with a workstation, computer lounge, and a full, private conference room, although there is less space for individual offices than the old location. Braxton said that this new environment enhances the image SGA hopes to convey.

“I think the Student Services Building was a little bit too business-oriented,” she said. “This facility [has] a more relaxed atmosphere because you’re dealing directly with students all the time.”

SGA can also use SCC resources, such as the rolling credenzas outside. “[SGA is] already talking about how they’re going to use them [to] sell Six Flags tickets for the Ramblin’ Nights event,” Steele said. “It looks a lot better than putting a folding table out in the middle of a common space.” Steele added that the credenzas can be used by all student groups, not just SGA.

Commons

BY JOSHUA CUNEO



STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

The Student Organizations Office, the headquarters and resource center for most of the clubs and organizations on campus, has moved from the Student Services Building to the Commons. They have also renamed themselves the Office of Student Involvement.

"We felt that the previous name made it seem like the office was only for those people already in organizations," said its director, Danielle McDonald. "We wanted to make sure that students knew this was a resource for them to discover ways to get involved."

The center provides offices for organizations that request it, and all spaces are already filled for this year. But they also offer mailboxes for any organization as well as workspace and materials for all students.

"The Center is equipped with computers...poster paints, letter cutouts, leadership books, meeting tables, a large worktable...a kitchen, and a lounge," McDonald said. "We hope that students will come up and visit it often and make it theirs."

McDonald hopes that its new location will increase its use, and that late-night student activity will help enhance the SCC's image as a "dynamic, 24-hour space."

JACKETS

Jackets, a non-alcoholic pub with an Irish theme, is set to open this fall. "We'll have what we call 'pub-grub,' which is burgers and fries and salads and grilled chicken...and smoothie-type drinks, espresso-based drinks, coffee," Steele said. And surprisingly, Jackets will open without a single TV. Steele said that he plans to wait for student feedback before he considers installing TVs in the restaurant. "A typical pub in Europe isn't a place where you go and hang out and watch TV alone, it's a place where you...gather with friends who talk and...enjoy hanging out," he said. "It can be that students would rather not have [the] distraction [of TVs]."

PANDINI'S

Pandini's, an Italian restaurant, is located next to Jackets. With a pizza oven capable of making 160 pizzas an hour and seating for 100 people, Pandini's has been doing brisk business since its opening this past March.

EINSTEIN BROS. BAGELS

Einstein Bros. Bagels is set to open at the beginning of the semester, replacing the CyberCafe. "[Einstein Bros.] will have the whole range of products—bagels, food, coffee—that you would seek in any other Einstein's," Steele said. However, it will differ from most Einstein's in that it will continue to serve Starbucks coffee.

BURDELL'S

The extra space that the SCC provides means that Burdell's—that small gas station-style shop where students could buy a drink and a pack of batteries—has grown up into an airport-style store. A slick new entrance gives way to displays of best-selling novels, clothing, school supplies and enough snacks for a full meal.

"What we've been able to do is expand our product offering to the Tech community," said Curtis Waddell, the manager of Burdell's. "Now, [students] don't have to make a journey to get those things that they may need of an immediate nature."

According to Waddell, Burdell's has settled comfortably into its new space, so he has turned his sights on expanding the store's selection even more. "We'll be able to offer products such as ice cream," he said. "We're [also] going to be...taking a look at school supplies that specific departments need."

But the final decision on what's offered will be based on customer response. Steele said that Burdell's is "trying to hear from customers, what are we not carrying in Burdell's that we really would like to be able to purchase in the central part of campus." He added, "I would encourage any customer with comments to share it with the staff there."



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population,” Gillens said, adding that the clientele “changes at different times of the day.” Professors and businesspeople frequent the store in the morning and midday, while students study there in the evening.

Jim Hawes is the owner of the Copy Club/Parcel Plus combination store. His store is the first location of the chain in the metro Atlanta area, and due to its success, a second location opened in July in Colony Square.

“Tech Square is one of the best strategic moves I’ve seen,” Hawes said. “Whoever designed this to blend with the growth of Midtown—this is marvelous.”

Yoichiro Endo, a Computer Science and Robotics Ph.D. student who spends much of his time at the TSRB, generally agrees with the sentiments of the store owners. “The choice of food—the availability is good,” he says. “I like the mixture of the people—not only Georgia Tech students.”

Jenny Parks, a third-year Management major and a barista at the Tech Square Starbucks, feels the same way. “I really like it—I have most of my classes here...it’s a great way to socialize.” On the move of the School of Management to Tech Square, she said, “For me, it’s really changed. It’s nice to have such an awesome building to go to...it’s much nicer than the IC was.”

However, some students think Tech Square is just a bit too far away. “I feel separated from central campus,” Parks admitted.

Byrne, who researches at the TSRB and has had a few classes in

Tech Square, added, “Tech’s traditionally been bordered by residence places, and now we have to cross 75 to get to Management classes.”

Two new additions to Tech Square debuted at the end of the summer. Khao, a specialty grocery that opened on July 26, offers a wide variety of international groceries and beverages, including freshly prepared international foods by a gourmet chef.

Additionally, the managers of Ray’s New York Pizza in Buckhead and Cedar’s Mediterranean Grill on Lenox Road collaborated to form a new combo restaurant that opened July 12. Ray’s/Cedar’s offers a menu consisting of a combination of many of the regularly served items from

both establishments, including a lunch buffet during the week that has become quite popular since the store’s opening.

Tech Square is also currently home to LA Fitness, Great

Clips, Fifth Street Ribs & Blues, Moe’s Southwest Grill, St. Charles Deli, Volcano Tea Room, Marble Slab Creamery, T-Mobile, and YamaTec Newsstand/Cleaners.

So what’s in Tech Square’s future? Ray’s/Cedar’s will offer a full bar, as well as Poker and Trivia Nights, after the school year begins. St. Charles Deli will be offering a student menu with more affordable prices.

And according to Gillens, “There are rumors of the addition of a Tech Square director to give the area some direction...if the project were under some kind of direction, I think things will get better.”

He also adds that in light of the extended hours of the Ray’s/Cedar’s bar, Starbucks may reevaluate their hours and stay open till midnight. A park may also be built nearby.

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Marwaha, a second-year Computer Engineering major who owns both a laptop and a desktop. “Overall...I could easily live without [mine].”

Laptop ownership also carries an increased risk of theft. Since a laptop is frequently taken out of a student’s room, the chances of it being stolen increase significantly.

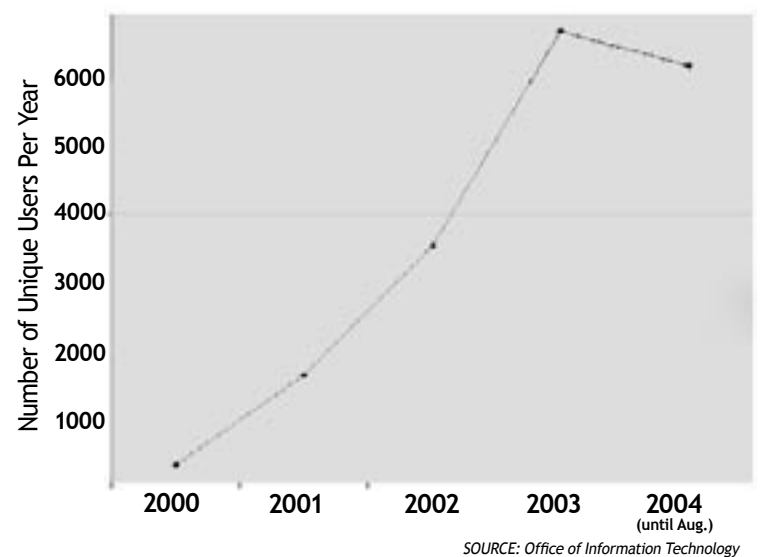
“One of the common things I’ve been telling people is to treat it like a purse,” Smith said. “You don’t leave a purse unattended; you shouldn’t put a purse behind your chair when you’re eating somewhere on campus. It should be something that stays attached to you, in front of you, under the table between your legs, where you have a physical sense of where it is at all times.”

These concerns do not appear to have stopped laptop buyers, however, as the number of users on LAWN continues to double year after year. The number of unique users over the course of the year was only 268 in 2000, but grew to 6733 in 2003, a 25-fold increase.

Though the increased number of Wi-Fi-enabled devices has certainly played a major role in the growth, so have the improvements to the network’s coverage. As of this summer, OIT and ResNet have installed wireless access points in the Freshman Experience dorms’ Learning Centers. “We would like to cover all the common spaces in the dorms, and we’re starting with the Learning Centers,” Sanders said.

Another major area of expansion for LAWN is outdoor coverage. Areas such as the Campanile, Skiles Walkway, and the Tech Trolley bus route are currently covered. Outdoor coverage will probably not be as reliable as that found within buildings. “Trees and anything organic are wonderful barriers to 802.11... because they contain water,” Sanders said. “So coverage...is going to vary depending on the season.”

YEARLY LAWN USAGE



Usage of Tech’s Local Area Wireless/Walkup Network has jumped from 268 unique users in 2000 to 6733 users in 2003, as OIT has worked to expand the network’s coverage across campus.

In addition to the expansion, OIT has also been upgrading much of the equipment installed back when the program was just getting started.

The College of Computing is actually getting all-new equipment;

speed of 11Mbps, to 802.11g, which tops out at 54Mbps.

Students have been pleased with the improvements, but there are some additional features they would like to see. “I’d like the ability to register my MAC [address] with Georgia Tech and not have to log in,” Marwaha said. The MAC address is a unique identifier of a computer’s network card which can be used for authentication purposes. Currently LAWN users must log in each time they wish to connect to the network.

OIT hopes to provide 100 percent coverage to centrally-managed classrooms over the next few years, and Institute President Wayne Clough’s strategic plan outlines 100 percent wireless availability for the campus.

Still, the wireless network continues to have the drawbacks associated with the technology, and Tech’s wired network remains far superior to its LAWN counterpart.

“Make the most of it, but...don’t let your life or your career or your education depend [only] upon wireless technology,” Sanders said.

“We would like to cover all the common spaces in the dorms, and we’re starting with the Learning Centers.”

Matthew Sanders
OIT project manager

we did a site survey, and it will be a major improvement over what was there,” Sanders said.

Much of the newer equipment has also been upgraded from the slower 802.11b standard, which allows for a theoretical maximum

Costa Rica's beautiful, wish you were here

The 'Nique's Jennifer Schur shares journal excerpts from studying abroad

By Jennifer Schur
Executive Editor

For six weeks this summer, I studied abroad with a program in Costa Rica studying tropical ecology and environmental politics. I lived with a wonderful Costa Rican woman, Terry, and her daughter, Lisa, in the capital city of San Jose and traveled the small Central American country during days off and with the group as a part of the program. It's funny what events stick out in my mind, and what was memorable enough at the time for me to want to jot down in the journal I carried with me.

Saturday, May 29

This afternoon I went with Terry, her sister and her brother-in-law to the MultiPlaza Este, one of the nicest malls in San Jose, to go to their favorite ice cream place. I immediately felt a part of the family as we all ate out of the gallon bucket of vanilla Terry bought.

The first question the brother-in-law asked me was who I liked, "Bush or the Democrat?" Upon hearing my response, he gave me a high five and I cracked up. Apparently, he's marching in a demonstration on Monday morning against the war in Iraq and against the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). Graffiti denouncing the FTAA is everywhere here.

Friday, June 11

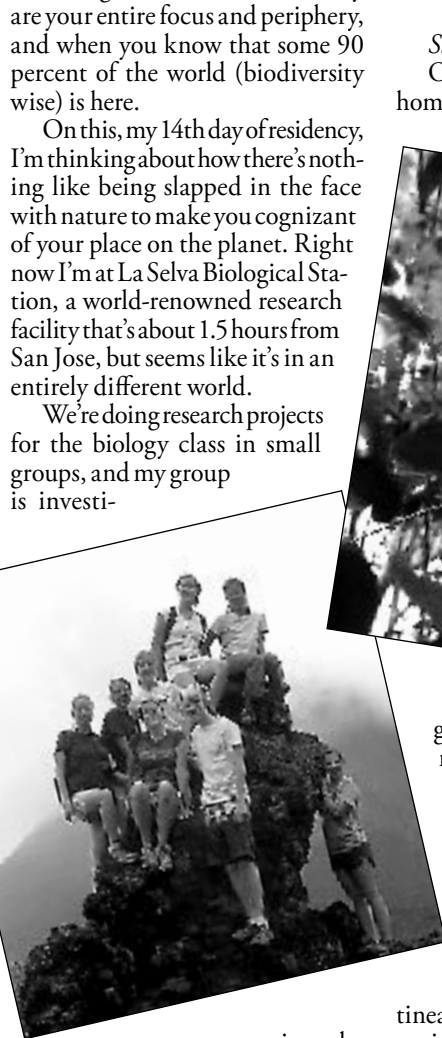
It's easy to see how people can spend great quantities of their lives here in the rainforest, where the days pass languidly by; only the rising and setting of the sun and the increased frequency of bird calls let you know that another day has passed, that you're one day older. It's easy to

forget that more life exists outside of these green borders, when they are your entire focus and periphery, and when you know that some 90 percent of the world (biodiversity wise) is here.

On this, my 14th day of residency, I'm thinking about how there's nothing like being slapped in the face with nature to make you cognizant of your place on the planet. Right now I'm at La Selva Biological Station, a world-renowned research facility that's about 1.5 hours from San Jose, but seems like it's in an entirely different world.

We're doing research projects for the biology class in small groups, and my group is investi-

gating the stripe-breasted wren's bird song.



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Yesterday in the field a troop of howler monkeys and mealy parrots nearly attacked us. Our experiment required absolute silence as we listened to our bird's calls, when all of a sudden what sounded like a huge, extremely angry, charging silverback gorilla from Michael Crichton's *Congo* erupted from not 100 yards

Saturday, June 12

Oh, cockroaches. When I got home from dancing tonight, there was a HUGE,



giant, six-legged monster with the most disgusting antennae skittering across the kitchen floor. I might have screamed and woken up my host family, but I refuse to confirm such things.

Thursday, June 17

Boca Juniors, an Argentinean soccer team, won the game tonight.

Studying abroad, being forced to constantly be aware of my surroundings and go through the continual challenge of developing new friendships, makes me realize how much I've grown into who I am and who I want to be. It's reassuring, kind of, and the sort of experience that everyone should have at least once while they're in college. Even though I'm "seeing the world," I'm

concurrently witnessing a microcosm of how the world works in the way the group interacts with each other and with this other culture.

Being here has also made me realize how much my friends at home and family mean to me, a thought that is always nice to be reminded of.

Friday, June 25

We've been in Manuel Antonio this week, a national park on the Pacific that is quite possibly the most beautiful place I've ever been. Even so, I feel as though I've started to become immune to the stark beauty surrounding me after having seen one incredible view after the other for the past four weeks.

This morning three friends and I went for a horseback ride through the jungle to the most majestic waterfall, where we got to swim in and climb the rocks of the waterfall's rivulets.

Friday, July 16

Somehow, while flying home, it is easy to forget all the reasons I didn't want to come home, all the reasons I had explaining why Costa Rica was better. My summer adventure continually surprised me, not only because of what I saw (things most people only ever get to see on the Discovery Channel), but also because of what I learned about myself and the world.

It's easy to get absorbed in Tech while I'm within the confines of Ferst Drive, but after studying abroad, it's much easier to remember that school is just one part of the big rest of the world, and that it's the experiences that are a byproduct of these four years that affect me as a person and truly matter in life.

Vote

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Republicans, I wanted to...maybe create a bipartisan effort with the different political organizations. I thought working through SGA would... have a better impact," she said.

An idea Malhotra is working on is a Voter Awareness Week close to the voter registration deadline, which for Georgia voters is October 4.

"I think college students are typically last-minute," she said. "If you let them know, 'Hey, registration ends in a few days,' I think... the urgency factor helps motivate people."

Malhotra also commented on the need for more voter awareness at Tech. Though college-age voter turnout is typically low, at a technical university such as Tech, voter apathy may be even greater.

"In general, I think it's true that liberal arts colleges are more...active in the political scene," Malhotra said. "Tech students are brilliant, but when it comes to civic awareness and involvement within government, I think they are...a little more apathetic than general."

The different political organizations will also be holding separate election-related events, especially as November 2 draws closer.

Luigi Montanez, a member of the College Democrats, said, "We're going to hold voter registration drives—we usually table in the Student Center—and we'll probably do them... several times a semester." Malhotra said the College Republicans would be holding similar drives.

The College Democrats are also looking into having a screening of Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11* as part of a voter registration drive. "We think the production company [Lion's Gate Films] has a promotion where if you do voter registration during the event, they'll lend you a copy of the movie to show," Montanez said.

DNC

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put on...three sessions. The first one was about students mobilizing, then domestic policy issues and foreign policy, and they were all very good.

I understand that you saw some celebrities that you haven't mentioned yet.

AB: We got to go and see Kerry give his acceptance speech...[We were] pretty high up, but nonetheless, that was pretty exciting. We got drowned in confetti.

TP: We got to see them drop 100,000 balloons...

AB: ...very slowly over about 15 minutes.

Anybody else?

AB: Well, the strangest one was Larry King. We were walking down the street, and Larry King was walking...and we just went after him and said, "Hey" and shook his hand. He seemed appreciative that we knew who he was, but he was obviously on his way somewhere else.

TP: He had a surprisingly gentle handshake...I was expecting him to have more of a firm handshake.

AB: He seemed kind of strong. He's pretty tall, but he walks real fast. Shirley Franklin gave us Atlanta Braves hats for the Georgia delegation, so I had her sign [mine], which is kind of cheesy.

TP: My favorite guest...was Ron Reagan, son of Ronald Reagan. I [also] had an opportunity to talk to Joe Trippi.

Who is Joe Trippi?

TP: [Governor Howard] Dean's campaign manager...He kept making comments about how Napster was a little bit like the political revolution that he has in mind. The people...making a difference by working together online. We never saw Ben Affleck.

Did you form opinions about any of the other celebrities that you met or saw?

TP: I thought it was pretty interesting seeing Clinton. Clinton went into a jewelry store, and a crowd formed outside...Someone had a book to sign, which seemed completely unreasonable, given this

crowd, but Clinton actually signed the book [when he came out].

AB: And he shook everybody's hands.

TP: We had the sense that Clinton's people had to encourage him to get in the car.

AB: In Harvard Square, during the DNC convention...people [were] chanting, "We want Bill! We want Bill!" to get him to come outside. I think [Clinton] was very appreciative of the crowd.

Any other observations from the national convention?

AB: There were three times as many media people as there were actual delegates at the convention...I think it's [due to] the explosion of media in general.

Let's shift gears for a minute. What do you think are Kerry's chances in the election?

AB: I think he has a good chance. I think that President Bush's got a lot of weaknesses, and I think that...Kerry demonstrated in Boston [that] he has what it takes to be president...And

I think there was a lot of excitement in Boston.

What should students at Tech do to get involved in this election?

AB: I think the most important thing...is just to be thinking about the issues and then talking

about them to people and making sure that people vote, because, unfortunately, when students don't vote, they get ignored...You don't have to donate money or give up hours of your time...to make a difference in campaigns.

Any other thoughts about the CDA convention?

TP: I guess the event further convinced me that the American political system does work. It allows a lot of different kinds of people to get involved...I have a sense that I will be able to make a difference by continuing with this stuff and talking to people. Sharing ideas. Figuring out why we believe what we believe.

AB: I think one of my favorite parts...was getting to talk to so many students from around the country, especially on our bus [to Boston with other southern Democrats]...We got to trade a lot of stories and opinions about what it's like to be Democrat in the South and how you can make a difference.

Unreported rapes skew statistics

By Joshua Cuneo
Senior Staff Writer

[Editor's Note: This article is reprinted, with modifications, from the June 11 issue of the *Technique*.]

Georgia Tech boasts five or fewer reported cases of sexual assault a year, falling far below the national estimate of 35 instances of sexual assault per 1000 college women.

However, according to national statistics, fewer than five percent of sexual assaults are reported each year, so the national average for college women—which also factors in unreported cases—suggests that roughly 150 Tech women are victims of sexual assault annually. Studies further suggest that 25 percent of women and eight percent of men will be victims of sexual assault in their lifetimes.

Numbers like these have prompted a multitude of efforts both at Tech and nationally to address the issue of sexual assault, a spectrum of behaviors that can range from unwanted touching or exposure to forcible rape.

"The challenge is that are we looking at reporting unreported acts of sexual assaults," said Angelique Burke, the Victims Advocacy Response Program Coordinator at the Wellness Center.

Convincing victims to report assaults is often difficult because their attackers are usually acquaintances, friends or lovers, and the acts often occur in privacy in an existing relationship, usually in a place of residence.

"I've had stories of people who were together in the lab who ended up in a semi-social setting, and the woman is assaulted," said Yvette Upton, Associate Dean of Students and the Director of the Women's Resource Center. "[Or they] had a male friend and they wanted to walk them back across campus because it wasn't safe, and then followed them into their room and raped them."

Rape by a stranger to the victim is much less common, even though it is the form of assault most popularized by the media and the general public. Upton said she has dealt with only one instance of rape by a stranger during her career at Tech.

"Rape is not about sex but about power," said Andy Peck, the Violence Prevention Coordinator at the Well-

ness Center. "A lot of people think about sex in a way that involves overpowering someone...Sex and power have gotten mixed up together in a way that's very harmful."

While many cases remain unreported, many victims will come forth to consult student services if they sense that the assault has impacted their academic or social lives or influenced their emotional health.

The Counseling Center is one of the most popular resources, since it offers customized assistance to victims who exhibit a variety of responses.

"Not every victim survivor goes through the same stages in the same way," Burke said. "You might see a student who...was a very good student...and that student may con-

"When it's someone you know, it's more complicated to...do something that's really going to hurt them."

Yvette Upton
Director, Women's Resource Center

tinue to be that way, and in fact their studies might even get better...Or that same exact student could start failing classes."

The Counseling Center can also help victims overcome feelings of blame or self-doubt—emotions which are especially common when the victim knows the attacker. This is also why victims often have difficulty defending themselves in the face of an attacker.

"When it's someone you know, it's more complicated to ram something in their face or do something that's really going to hurt them," Upton said. "And I have seen situations where roommates maybe were in the next room or people were in the dorm hall, but they didn't feel comfortable calling out."

Upton recommends telling the attacker "no" in every conceivable way possible, since some assaults occur due to a miscommunication between the attacker and victim. She

also emphasized the importance of seeking medical attention right away, both to test for disease and pregnancy and also to gather evidence against the attacker.

The Health Center and Women's Clinic provide some services and may also refer victims to the Grady Rape Crisis Center, and victims can approach the Women's Resource Center, the Dean of Students' Office or anybody on call in any of the residence halls for further assistance.

Many victims turn to their family or friends for support, which is often a trying experience if the victim chooses not to report the incident or seek guidance. Peck warns against forcing such a decision on them.

"They experienced a loss of power and control, so the process of dealing with that...comes to returning power and control to that person," he said. "I think that it's important to...think about how you can play a role in returning power and control to that person in the decisions that they make."

Students may also take comfort in the myriad of proactive programs that have appeared at Tech in the last few years.

"The Wellness Center does much training on the issue," said Karen Boyd, the Senior Associate Dean of Students for Student Life. "Certain populations have additional training, such as the Greeks, [and] the Athletic Association has it in their coursework."

A tracking system is being developed to get a better approximation for the true number of sexual assaults on campus. Tech also has a Sexual Violence Task Force and VOICE, an organization of men against violence towards women.

In addition, Tech received a \$200,000 grant from the Department of Justice last year to implement the Georgia Tech Violence Prevention Program, which established the first official campus protocol for responding to survivors of sexual violence.

"We're working with getting more advocates trained," Burke said. "That training actually will be coming up at the end of the summer, so people will be able to respond to a student...or faculty members who have been sexually assaulted and who need some kind of advocacy system."

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Dude, where's my hamburger and talent?

By Jessica Luza
Contributing Writer

This summer, movie executives have brought us action-packed flicks starring Brad Pitt, Orlando Bloom, Tobey Maguire...and the Asian guy from *American Pie* and that Indian guy from *Van Wilder*? The two unassuming stars were in Atlanta recently and sat down with the *Nique*.

In an odd but successful marketing campaign, previews and posters for *Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle* basically say what the viewers are probably already thinking.

Harold (John Cho) was the "MILF guy" in *American Pie*, and yes, Kumar (Kal Penn) was Van Wilder's geeky right hand man, Taj Mahal Badalandabad, in the raunchy teen flick *National Lampoon's Van Wilder*.

In homage to *American Pie* and *Van Wilder*, and Cho and Penn's newfound fame, Eddie Kaye Thomas and Ryan Reynolds both make cameo appearances in the film.

The plot in *White Castle* is simple and predictable. I mean, they give that away in the title alone.

After Harold suffers through a long week at his mundane job at an investment banking firm, and after Kumar screws up any chance of getting into medical school, both

roommates decide that a burger from White Castle is just what they need to lift their spirits.

"[It's] *Bill and Ted* meets *Thelma and Louise* and then they had some really weird children," said Cho.

Penn believes the movie is centered around an "American story—just two guys on their way to get some burgers. There is nothing more American."

In the vein of *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, the events take place in one day New Jersey and surround Harold and Kumar's outlandish and unrealistic adventures in search of their holy grail.

Of course, the movie wouldn't be entertaining unless there were numerous pit stops along the way to Harold

and Kumar's final destination. The movie chronicles the two teens as they stop by a Princeton party to buy drugs and meet girls, drop in on Kumar's dad at the local hospital to find medicinal marijuana and ironically save someone's life.

Then they meet *Doogie Howser's* Neil Patrick Harris at a gas station and give him a ride; he in turn steals their car so that he can pick up strippers. Harold and Kumar proceed to get a ticket from a cop for jaywalking on a deserted street in the wee hours of the morning, and—end up going to jail.

They escape from jail and steal

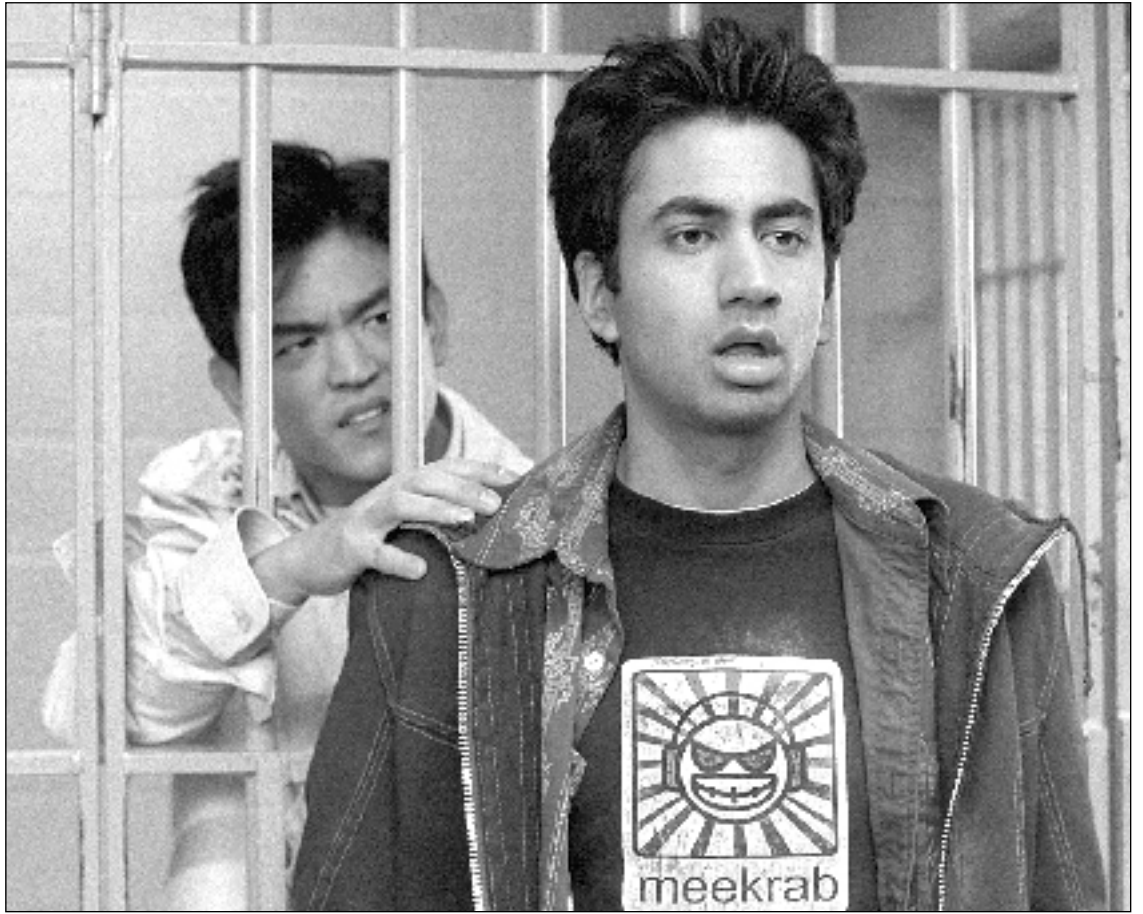


Photo courtesy New Line Cinema

John Cho and Kal Penn star in the latest attempt at a National Lampoon's-style film. The actors sat down with the *Nique* in Atlanta to chat about their new film *Harold and Kumar Go To White Castle*.

the weed that the police officers had confiscated earlier. After becoming stranded in a forest without a car and riding a cheetah (yes, I said riding a cheetah), the list goes on...and on...and on, until they finally reach White Castle.

Oops, did I just give the ending away? Unfortunately, you feel

your precious time slipping away as well.

Such a typical guy movie would not be complete without some partial nudity, right? Never fear, the party gods have answered your prayers. Semi-nude women parade around for a few scenes and you also get a nice glimpse of Kumar's butt.

I will admit, however, that some parts in the movie were funny (and that I was definitely craving a hamburger when the credits began to roll).

Although Cho and Penn's dead-on interpretation of their pot-smok-

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Dad's Garage knows improv is where it's at

By Justin O'Neal Miller
Contributing Writer

Walking into a warehouse on a Saturday night always feels right. The dark and glorified shed on Elizabeth Street downwind of Little Five Points is home to Atlanta's most affordable and college-friendly improv/theater company, Dad's Garage.

This 10-year-old company offers an extensive variety of comedic entertainment ranging from sketchy improv to "full-length" plays—which are really glorified sketches, the most recent of which is called *Geek Love*.

The improv itself is offered in many different forms, but essentially revolves around a Thursday through Saturday schedule with shows each night at 10:30, and an early show on Saturdays at 8 p.m.

For example: Do you have problems touching things that aren't yours? Do you sometimes wish you were Russian? Are the kids at school making fun of your flattop? During the early bird improv show on Saturdays, Dr. Frapples solves the most frustrating of questions. He will read your problem aloud to the audience, and a seemingly unrelated sketch will then be interpreted as a solution.

On Saturday nights at 10:30, you can see a *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*-style theatersports event. (Imagine what can be done without corporate censorship!) This show perhaps involves the most audience cooperation, so stage-fright-prone audience members beware.

Scandal!, which claims to be Atlanta's only

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Ray's Pizza offers more than a good pie

By Art Seavey
Development Editor

One of the largest retail spaces in Tech Square has long sat empty, with students savoring the words on the sign naming its future resident.

However, Ray's New York Pizza and Cedars Mediterranean moved into the empty space this summer, joining the gamut of culinary offerings.

The combination of simple pizza with more exotic Mediterranean dishes allows adventurous friends to dine with their more cautious counterparts.

Appetizers range from your boring old french fries, to a more interesting mix of ground beef-filled pita bread with hummus dip. Cedars' Mezze Platter seems to be the best deal, offering a sampling of hummus, falafel, tabouleh and baba ganouge for \$7.50.

The pizza selections are of the normal fare, with the only stand-out being Ray's Gyro, composed of feta cheese, onions, olives and gyro meat. The four-cheese pizza is also delicious, on a thin, moist and flaky crust. At \$2.95 a slice though, it's a good incentive to opt for a whole large pie priced at \$14.95.

For those who desire a few more carbs in their diet, a traditional Sicilian-style pizza is also available.

Sticking with the simple Italian theme, it is hard to pass up



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Ray's New York Pizza and Cedars Mediterranean is the newest restaurant to open in Technology Square. The delicious variety of pita sandwiches and kabobs brings a new flair to the area.

the massive stromboli. The crust was near perfection, with gooey cheese entrenched throughout.

The wide array of Mediterranean dishes affords ample experimentation for the average Tech student. At \$7.50, the Kafta pita sandwich is a great

deal. Pickles, hummus, lettuce, tomatoes and seasoned ground beef fill a warm pita wrapped in tinfoil. On the side is a generous portion of Mediterranean salad, with crisp, fresh vegetables—a hard-to-find commodity on campus. Rounding out the meal is

a side of thinly sliced, lightly fried potatoes.

In addition, vegetarians need not fear: Ray's serves many salads, sandwiches and platters all to your liking.

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Introduction

The *Technique's* Entertainment section is all about fun. It provides readers entertainment in the form of witty columns, a crossword, Dave Barry and assorted comics. It also exposes readers to many other forms of fun, whether on Tech campus, in theaters or in music stores. Also look forward to celebrity interviews and restaurant reviews. For more information, email its editor, Hillary Lipko, at entertainment@technique.gatech.edu.

Cover photo

Dexter Holland, lead singer for the Offspring, rocks out at Music Midtown. The annual event regularly sells out and attracts top-notch artists from across the country. Atlanta offers a wealth of music festivals and venues for all persuasions. In addition, Tech regularly holds on-campus concerts catering to the demands of the students. Photo by Stephen Marek.

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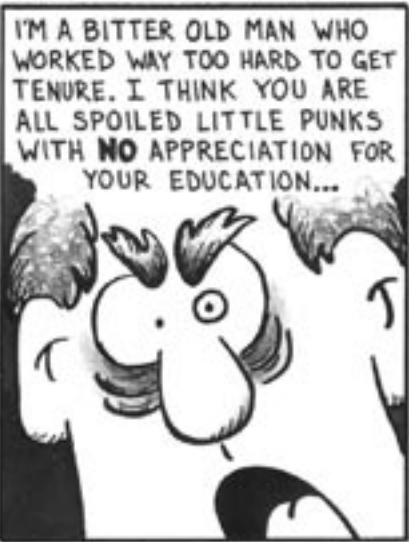
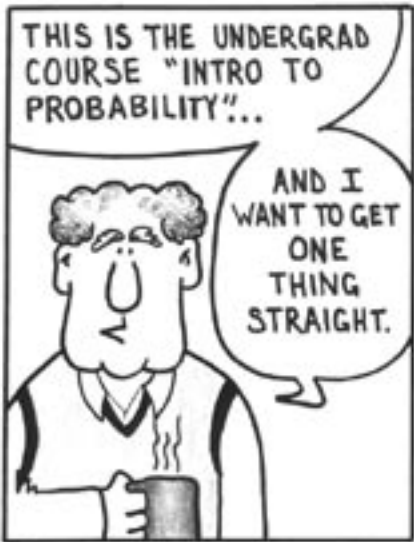
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Bain Mattox rocks the accordion more than you thought was possible

By Kimberly Rieck
Opinions Editor

Album: Bain Mattox
Label: Self-released
Length: 41 min., 33 sec.
Rating: 3 out of 5 stars

Remember Better than Ezra's concert at the Ferst Center last year? If you do, then you might recall seeing the only lead singer ever to rock the accordion—Bain Mattox, whose band is named after him.

With its self-titled album, Bain Mattox is aiming to make it big without the help of a major record label. The band has been touring extensively since the album came out, appearing on stage at Music Midtown this past May. They will also perform on campus Monday, August 23 at 3:45 p.m. in the new Student Center Commons stage located outside Pandini's.

If you like jam bands, John Mayer and Athens bands, you might like Bain Mattox—that is, if you can get through their slow-paced album. While I enjoyed the Atlanta/Athens-based quartet's live performance last

fall, I didn't care for several of the slower songs on this release.

The CD didn't really grab my attention until the third song, "Slumber Plane." This song deals with insomnia (something the first two songs of the album are likely to cure).

Bain Mattox is the CD that you can put in when you want to chill out in a quiet room. But if you're looking for music to drown out the sounds of North Avenue, pick something else.

The band's album is full of melancholy tracks that use an eclectic mix of instruments to give it a dark sound. The band tackles loneliness, personal issues and heartbreak in the release. "Jet Black Ash" is about mole people residing in the abandoned subway tunnels of New York, an idea the band got from Jennifer Toth's novel. "Heartburn Boulevard" tackles heartbreak and loneliness. It's not exactly the feel-good album of the year.

However, if you're looking to kill time on Monday after surviving the first week of classes, you might want to check out the band's live show at the Student Center Commons.

Step though cultural Vortex to L5P

By Brendan Ward
Contributing Writer

Atlanta has a wealth of cultural neighborhoods and styles. Even so, with the entrenched camps of country and rap, those in between may feel left out. Hipsters and punks rejoice! You have a home, and it is Little Five Points. Nestled in between Inman Park and Virginia Highland, a short drive up North Avenue, Little Five Points is the (albeit smaller) Greenwich Village of Atlanta and a very happening place.

A refuge for the cool and pseudo-artsy, Little Five provides that counterculture in a city that seems to be devoid of it. Punks proudly display their pink hair and safety-pin jewelry without fear of persecution. "Hate Free Zone" signs often plaster the shop windows. Hippies roll their own cigarettes and play hacky-sack in a cannabis-induced daze.

The three blocks that make up the center of Little Five Points are more eclectic and original than any other place in Atlanta. Only here is it possible to get tattooed and pierced, go next door and buy a water pipe (don't say bong inside a head shop or you'll be kicked out), and then go across the street to buy an authentic five-foot African tribal mask... if that is the kind of thing you're into.

The trendy clothing stores that line the streets offer up \$30 vintage T-shirts to eager buyers. All pump their favorite tracks, with Wish, a more upscale store, often featuring their own DJ. There are also a handful of "novelty" shops that sell everything from poseable Moses action figures, complete with shepherd's staff and Ten Commandments, to crotchless panties. The Junkman's Daughter will keep you entertained for hours, but don't expect to find any great deals.

If music is your thing, there are three different record stores (which



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Vortex is just one of many spaces in L5P offering a cultural change of pace. The unique stores and people define this area. Atlanta's best record stores and pizza places make their home here.

sell actual vinyl records) within 100 yards. And let's not forget the head shops, which perhaps make up at least half of Little Five's total earnings.

Paraphernalia of all types, shapes and colors can be bought, and rolling papers are available in every flavor under the sun. These, of course, are all used for tobacco (apparently Little Five Points is the Mecca for tobacco enthusiasts around the world).

Little Five Points food is as quirky as its shops. Patrons can dine on Indian food, the best pizza in Atlanta at Little Five Pizza, or enter The Vortex, a bar and grill with a 15-foot laughing skull fixed on the outside of the building adjacent to the entrance.

The easy-to-miss entrance to Teaspace leads to an extensive assortment of exotic drinks and soups. Whether you want a culinary mas-

terpiece from the Far East or just a burger, Little Five will fill you up.

If you're looking for live entertainment, and watching hippies play hacky-sack just doesn't do it for you, check out some of the local venues. Indie music is definitely in at Little Five.

Many of the bars book local bands that perform regularly. Just down the road, the intimate atmosphere of Variety Playhouse hosts a wide range of events. And if you want to leave music out of it, some shops feature regular spoken word performances.

Little Five Points is a must-visit for college students of every persuasion. Even if you just grab a slice of pizza, or need a quick gag gift, make sure to consider this borough first. The enticing options and friendly people could easily trap you as a regular patron.

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ing characters was impressive, the rest of the characters fall flat and are disappointing.

"[We] tried to play them very real because such wilderness happens around them," said Cho.

Ethan Embry (*Empire Records*, *Can't Hardly Wait*) and his talents are completely wasted in the movie and the love story involving Harold and his neighbor is a little too farfetched, even for this reviewer, who loves chick flicks and cheesy romance movies.

At the interview, both stars expressed that they didn't mind playing stereotypical pot-smoking twenty-somethings and were really just thrilled that the roles didn't go to the newest two white Hollywood "It Boys" of the week.

They fielded questions with ease and certainly don't seem to take themselves—or the movie—very seriously.

When asked about the possibility of a sequel, Penn divulged that he and Cho both signed a three-picture deal. With the movie's ending, it seems likely that the next movie will take place in Amsterdam.

How perfect is that? What better place for two weed-hungry friends to visit? I can only hope that the supposed sequel is half as long as the first and twice as good.

If you haven't visited *White Castle* yet and are in the low-brow mood, *Harold and Kumar* may be worth checking out. Just try not to end up in jail along the way. As this movie shows though, the trip is all of the fun.

By Robert Zimmerman
United Features

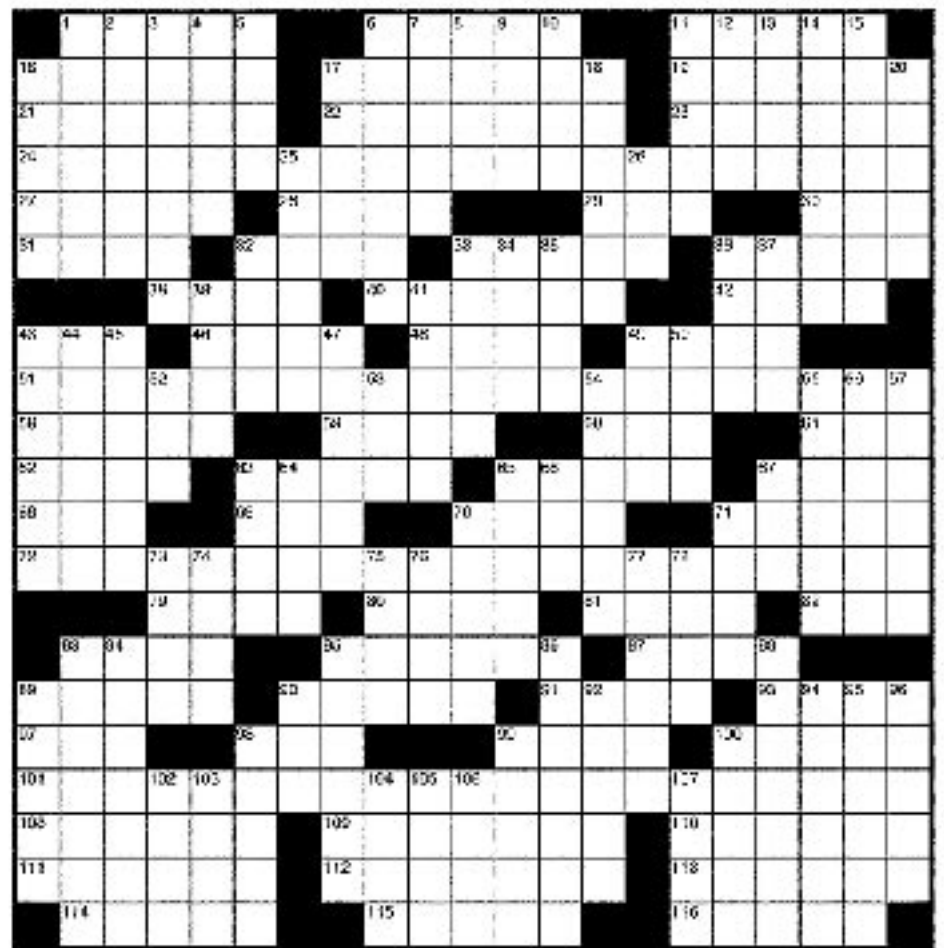
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59. Mariner's greeting
60. A Solo
61. Outback jumper
62. "Metamorpho-ses" poet
63. "Tomb Raider" star
65. Tavern round, perhaps
67. Carrot, e.g.
68. McCourt memoir
69. Dolt
70. Limp-watch painter
71. Saudi shipment
72. UNCLES
79. The two
80. Fashion's - Chanel
81. Arrogant one
82. "Titanic" transmission
83. One way to digitize
85. Harvard president, 1933-
- 53
87. Long hike

89. Realtor's form
90. Talk show guests
91. Mashie
93. Pied Piper's quarry
97. Go wrong
98. Gore namesakes
99. Same: Lat.
100. Imp
101. AUNTS
108. Beginner
109. Won in November
110. Teamed up
111. Bothersome bedmate
112. Like some glasses
113. Photos
114. Give a spin to the facts
115. Separately
116. Weed

DOWN

1. FedEx delivery
2. Pictured mentally
3. Hubble targets
4. NYC harbor island
5. Textile worker
6. Table talk?
7. Gung-ho attitude
8. Winged
9. "Arsenic and Old -"
10. Over again
11. Milker's seat
12. Quaker product
13. Conformists go with it
14. Of a tiny parasite
15. Besmirches
16. St. Petersburg's Bay
17. Juan Carlos' kingdom
18. Tapering off
20. Aegean island
25. Wipes out
26. Sandwich order
32. The b in n.b.
33. Placeholder
34. Regretful one
35. Crucifix inscription
36. Prison
37. Faithful sound
39. Pans for stir-fry
41. Pain
43. Monastery VIPs
44. Facts, but hardly useful



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45. Philosophical system
47. Naples neighbor
49. Ivan or Peter
50. Holds title
52. Like one sock
53. Yellowfin
54. Not ours
55. Fillings for cracks
56. Spell, of sorts
57. Tribal symbols
63. Sudden movement
64. Office-taker's recitation
65. "Novum organum" author
66. Lodge brother
67. Amtrak, et al.
70. Of a nobleman's palace
71. Recipe instruction
73. Bus. degrees
74. Actress - Skye
75. Subj. for 73 Down
76. Femur, e.g.
77. Bury
78. New day
83. Sunday fare
84. Commuter's option
85. City near Teapot Dome
86. Trimmiest
88. Putin's address
89. Malicious looks
90. Layer
92. Hits the books

94. Helps
95. In the news
96. Coasters
98. On the qui vive
99. Net preceder
100. American rival
102. Soup vegetable
103. Legal claim
104. Essayist - Lamb
105. Office help
106. Home of the Bruins
107. O'Hare-to-JFK heading

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Movie Theater Guide

INTRODUCTION

Everyone loves the movies. After a hectic week of work, nothing is better than chilling with your friends with a big tub of heart-attack-inducing popcorn. With all the theaters in town, it is likely even the pickiest of connoisseurs will find something suitable to taste. The question is where do you start? Well, we here at the *Nique* did all of the legwork for you. Peruse our profiles and choose for yourself.

AMC Parkway Pointe

3101 Cobb Parkway Suite 201
Atlanta, GA 30339
770-937-0078

This is definitely one of the newer theaters in the bunch. Although not too far down the road driving up Interstate-75 is a death wish during rush hour. Comfortable stadium seating is the big draw. An additional bonus is the Borders Bookstore located right next door, making it very easy to kill time before the start of a movie.

AMC Buckhead Backlot Cinema & Cafe

3340 Peachtree Rd. N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30326
404-467-0862

Looking for the perfect date movie theater? Buckhead Backlot, nestled in Atlanta's premiere party district is the most unique theater in the city. Most of the usual row seats are taken out of each theater and replaced with tables and comfortable chairs. This is the only place where you sit back, relax, order from a full, scrumptious menu and catch a flick while your food makes its way to your table.

AMC Phipps Plaza

3500 Peachtree Rd. N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30326
404-816-4262

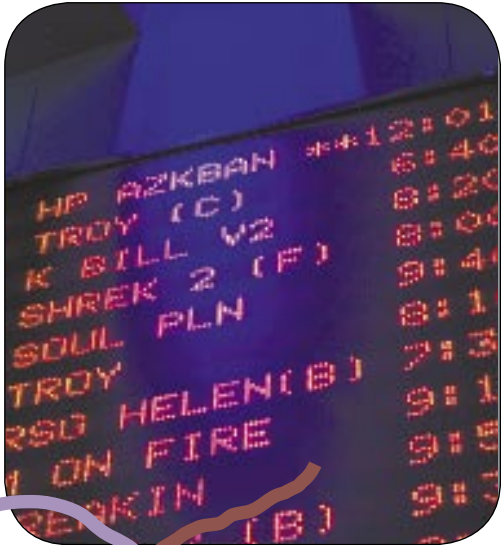
This is a movie theater popular with students without cars, since it is also within walking distance of the Lenox or Buckhead MARTA stations. The movie theater is located on the top floor, within the Monarch Court. There's nothing royal about this area, Phipps just couldn't stand using the dregs-laden colloquialism, food court. Make sure to visit the box office first, which is actually located a level below. Expect to find the usual viewing-choices here, nothing out of the ordinary. Extensive shopping is also available but only for those with fatter wallets than most.

Regal Cinemas Hollywood 24

3265 NE Expressway Access Rd.
Chamblee, GA 30341
770-936-5737

This is a can't-misseyesore along Interstate 85, with a huge, bright purple neon building declaring its presence to the neighbors. Aside from the beyond-tacky architectural design, this really is a superb theater. Blessed with state of the art facilities and 24 screens, it has risen to the top of movie theaters around Atlanta.

Perhaps the theater's only flaw is that there aren't many places around it to kill time or go grab a bite. Driving out and then coming back can be somewhat of a pain because of its monstrous parking lot and access road location. As this is a suburban theater, the weekend clientele might make you feel like you are back in high school. Don't wear the wrong color.



Georgia Tech

Landmark Midtown Art Cinema

931 Monroe Drive
Atlanta, GA 30308
(678) 495-1424

The closest movie theater to Tech also offers the best selection of foreign and independent films. With the recently opened adjacent Brewster's this theater is one-stop shopping for entertainment. Although old and bit quaint, the flavor of the Midtown district shines through. Amenities such as a full espresso bar and gourmet candies complement the art deco design. The close distance and comfortable atmosphere, combined with the chance to broaden your intellectual horizons make this theater a movie powerhouse.

United Artist Tara

2345 Cheshire Bridge Road N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30324
(404) 634-6288

This is considered one of the "art" theaters around town. Looking for the latest David Lynch movie or the latest foreign movie with an unpronounceable name? You'll find it here. Not the newest theater in town, but no one really watches the movies shown at Tara for their awesome special effects or the ultra-realistic audio. It is a quaint place that has its own unique charm, and definitely a place worth checking out.



Lefont Plaza Theater

1049 Ponce De Leon
Atlanta, GA
(404) 873-1939

This one is a short drive up Ponce de Leon. The main screen has the most character out of any theater in the area. Although, the two smaller screens, which are actually converted old balconies, may make the student center theater seem authentic. If you are into catching the classic midnight Rocky Horror Picture Show this is the only place in town to do it. The 24-hour Majestic Diner is right next door, a perfect cap to a movie-going night.

AMC Southlake

7065 Mount Zion Circle
Morrow, GA 30260
404-816-4262

The farthest movie theater on the list, it is located a good 25 minutes south of campus, but it is well worth the drive. A behemoth of a movie theater, this place has four major screens that can handle even the biggest of movie releases. As far as movie theater facilities go, they don't get any better than this. If another big blockbuster like Lord of the Rings comes around, catch it here, as it will likely play on multiple screens.

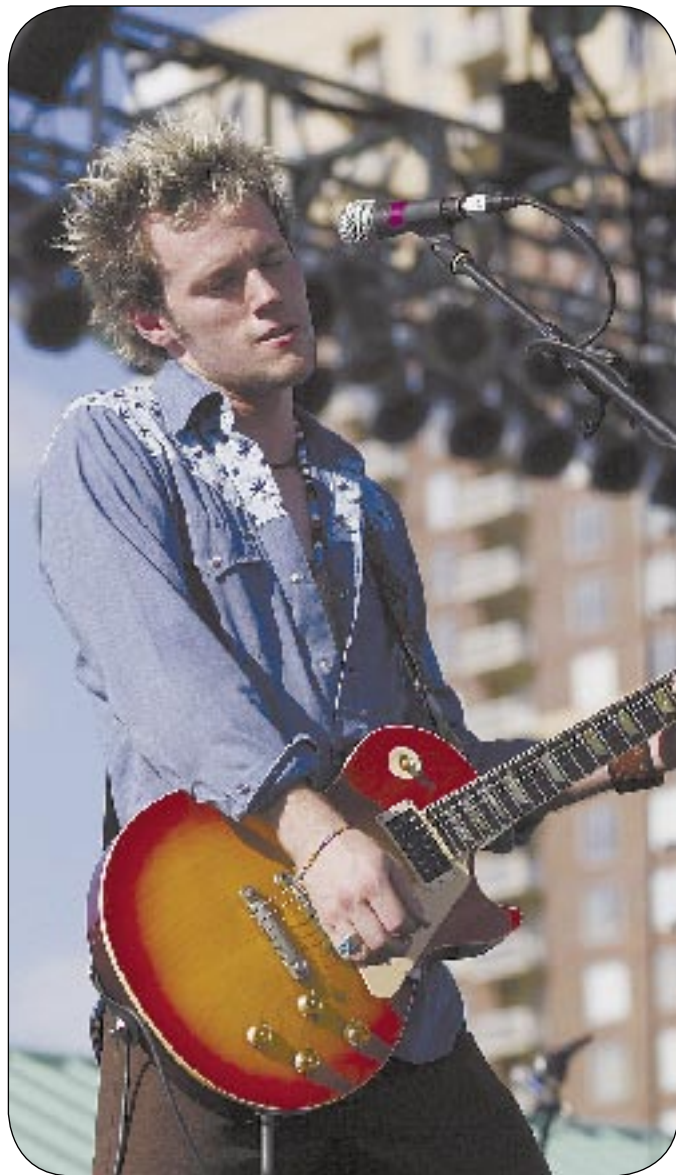
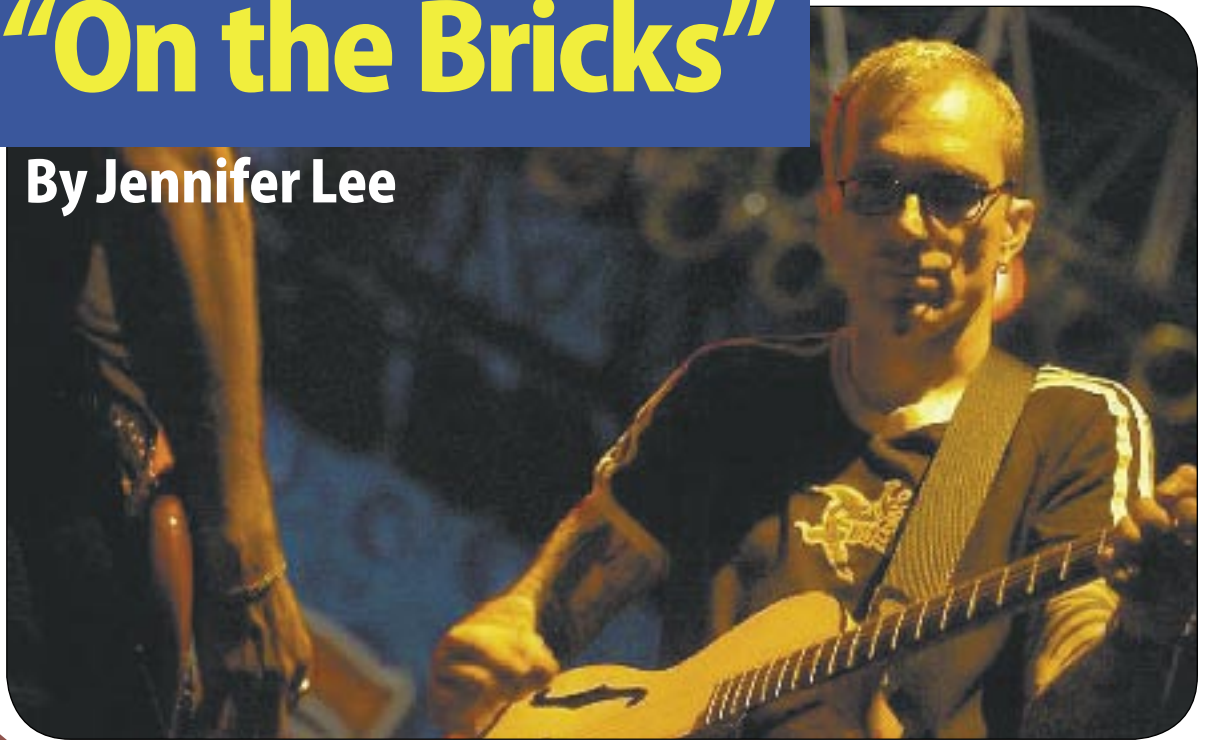
Summer Fun "On the Bricks"

By Jennifer Lee

On the Bricks, Atlanta's popular summer concert series at Centennial Olympic Park, has evolved quite a bit since 99X relinquished sponsorship of it three years ago. Since summer 2002, top 40 station Star94 has been the media sponsor for the series, bringing with it more mainstream acts; this year 96Rock and V103 also join Star94 as media sponsors. Entrance into the park, which used to be free, became \$3 last year and increased to \$5 this year.

But the pool of bands and artists that On the Bricks manages to put together every summer is still capable of drawing a crowd. This summer, On the Bricks boasted acts such as Train, Gavin DeGraw, Fuel, Everclear, Kanye West, Collective Soul and Live—though to me, it seems like there's been less buzz than usual. Maybe Atlantans are starting to take On the Bricks for granted; maybe the rising ticket prices have discouraged people from going; or maybe I just haven't been listening to the radio (and its relentless publicizing of the concert series) enough.

Whatever the case, a friend and I decided to check



out Friday, August 6th's show, which featured rock-bluegrass group Blues Traveler and rap group Cypress Hill as the main acts, with Latin rock group de SoL and Southern hip-hop duo Rehab playing earlier that night.

The nice thing about Centennial Olympic Park is that the concert-going crowd is always divided into two sections: one nearer the stage, for the more dedicated fans, and a section further back, for the blanket-equipped groups who would rather listen to the music sitting down or for the disinterested few who are just looking for something cheap to do on a Friday night.

So you can take your pick: we decided to go for the back section, especially considering that Blues Traveler, who took the stage when we arrived around 9 p.m., is the kind of band you go to hear for their music, not because you want to check out the cute band members.

Blues Traveler showed an understanding of their mixed audience by playing a short-but-sweet set consisting mostly of songs from their 1994 hit album *Four*. Frontman John Popper's harmonica playing was as deft as ever, and the band as a whole delivered a thoroughly musical and enjoyable performance, flowing from one song to the next without much audience chit-chat in between.

The fact that Blues Traveler wasn't the final act also probably helped avoid the boredom I felt when they headlined at On the Bricks two summers ago. That time, Popper tended to break off into long harmonica solos that all seemed to sound alike after a while. This year, jam time was split fairly evenly between Popper's harmonica and guitarist Chan Kinchla, which helped keep their set interesting.

Cypress Hill took the stage a good thirty minutes after Blues Traveler left, presumably because their stage setup—complete with a giant golden Buddha cradling a marijuana leaf and a skull whose eye sockets glowed red—took

a while to get ready. Despite their dope-influenced lyrics, Cypress Hill's solid rhythm and great stage presence engaged the crowd, who shouted back song lyrics at the encouragement of frontman B-Real. Three songs into their set they performed the one song I was familiar with, "Insane in the Brain," to audience cheers.

The 30-minute set by Blues Traveler and the few songs we caught by Cypress Hill were definitely enough to justify the \$5 we spent for tickets, especially when you combined the music with the beautiful weather—a cool, summery night that was in stark contrast from past weeks' hair-curling humidity.

If the weather keeps up, then it may well be worth checking out today's On the Bricks, the last show of the summer, which features Atlanta-based Honestly, punk-rock group Derby, the punk-influenced Psychedelic Furs and '70s pop band Blondie as the headliner. Music begins at 6 p.m. and goes until 11; more info can be found at www.onthebricks.com.



“Good times” had by all at Bonnaroo music fest

By Michael Hamilton
Contributing Writer

Two years ago, an idea reminiscent of the Woodstock Music & Arts Festival of '69 turned into the Bonnaroo Music Festival.

Located in Manchester, Tennessee, the event has surprisingly consistently sold out without any help from traditional advertising. The wide range of featured independent artists is solely supported by fans' love for great live music.

Bonnaroo translates to “good times” in Cajun, and the festival definitely lives up to the phrase. By bringing together such artists as The Dead, Dave Matthews & Friends, Bob Dylan and Trey Anastasio, Bonnaroo has become the ultimate festival for the avid music fan.

Rolling Stone has called Bonnaroo "the American rock festival to end all festivals." Once I found out about the June 11-13 festival, there was simply no turning back.

The live music began Friday at noon, featuring an amazing collection of performers. I quickly came to realize Ani DiFranco is perhaps the most talented female acoustic guitarist.

Dave Matthews & Friends took the stage in the early evening, after my first full day of sweating in 95-degree weather. With the help of virtuoso Tim Reynolds and Phish's Trey Anastasio, Dave rocked out for two amazing sets and an encore.

Midnight sets each night from bands such as Primus, Ween, Vida Blue, Praxis, Cut Chemist and DJ Danger Mouse provided the nightcrawlers with some amazing no-holds-barred jams.

Saturday brought lots of new

music, and buckets of rain. My Morning Jacket rocked my socks off as the weather turned sour. I have never seen a band emanate rock and roll so completely as this group of musicians.

Everybody had to make sacrifices considering there were six stages, but when The Dead took the stage, not a person was missing.

“The torrential rain brought the hardcore mud, and concertgoers’ missing flip-flops could be found all over the venue.”

With Gov't Mule's Warren Haynes filling in for Jerry Garcia, The Dead played through classics, covers and some beautiful jams that exemplified the absolute ear candy of Bonnaroo.

Sunday brought amazing shows from bands such as the Tokyo Ska Paradise Orchestra, The Bad Plus, moe., Guster and David Byrne.

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then continued to play with his band for two more sets and an encore of tremendous proportions.

Bob Dylan, Los Lonely Boys, Calexico, The North Mississippi All-Stars, Patti Smith, The String Cheese Incident, Yo La Tengo, Los Lobos, Galactic, Beth Orton, Taj Mahal, Leftover Salmon and Doc Watson were just some of the bands that also performed at this year's Bonnaroo.

As with any amazing journey, the good comes with the not-so-good. A six-hour wait in a snail-paced line before entering the grounds turned into a six-hour mobile party.

Showers were a commodity at \$5 a pop, but not one person I talked to felt the need to bathe during the whole weekend (those damned hippies). The torrential rain brought the hardcore mud, and concertgoers' missing flip-flops could be found all over the venue.

The storm destroyed our campsite, leaving things soaked, but this was Bonnaroo, and I was determined to have a good time.

With the music blasting for over 16 hours a day, I took some time for my ears to recuperate and made my way to the heart of the festival, which appropriately was called Centeroo.

The Brooder's Fest presented beers from a dozen national breweries such as Flying Dog, Sierra Nevada and Dale's Pale Ale. Centeroo also showcased artistic talent of many mediums from ceramics to oils to \$350 hand-blown glass "tobacco" pipes.

The Sonic Stage featured acoustic sets by many of the bands. XM radio broadcasted these performances live.

A music-sharing village provided anyone who wanted a free burned CD with authorized



By Jeff Kravitz / Big Hassle Media

Easily one of the largest musical festivals in the world, the annual Bonarroo held in Tennessee on June 11-13, was attended by a number of Tech students.

live and unreleased tracks from many artists at the festival.

Also for our entertainment pleasures were a huge fountain, random giant bobble-head figures, a playground, a 24-hour movie tent, a comedy tent (with big acts like the Upright Citizens Brigade) and the most diverse and tasty selection of food I have ever seen at a festival. These fun extras made Centeroo a

great place to hang when not watching a band.

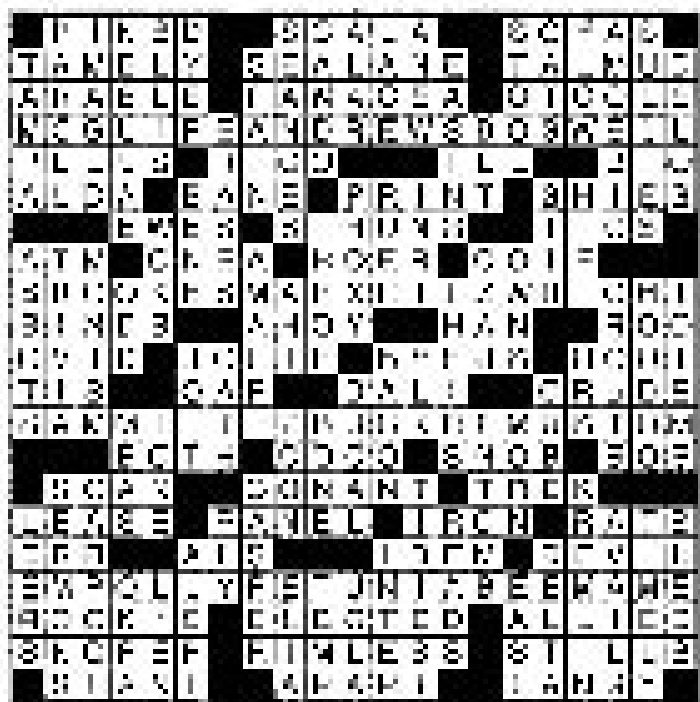
A complete schedule of the artists and activities featured at this year's event can be found on www.bonnaroo.com, along with photos and set lists from the festival.

Make sure to get your ticket early for Bonnaroo 2005, because this amazing event is sure to sell out for years to come.

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Local Restaurants

When you're tired of the dining halls, Atlanta offers a plethora of alternatives.

\$ = \$10 or less \$\$ = \$10 - \$20 \$\$\$ = \$20 - \$30 \$\$\$\$ = \$30+

Name	Price	Comments	Phone	Location
Technology Square				
Tin Drum Asia Cafe	\$	Asian fusion; we're addicted to the spring rolls	(404) 881-1368	TECHNOLOGY SQUARE
5th Street Ribs n Blues	\$	Only place you can buy beer with a BuzzCard	(404) 249-8808	
Ray's New York Pizza Cedars Mediterranean	\$\$	Good pizza, lunch buffet	(404) 888-9911	
St Charles Deli	\$	Deli sandwiches and chips	(404) 249-7733	
Moe's Southwest Grill	\$	Walk-up burritos and tacos		
Volcano Tea Room	\$	Smoothies, hot chocolate and bubble tea		
Arby's	\$	At the intersection of North Avenue and 4th	(404) 881-8535	
Marble Slab Creamery	\$	Good ice cream, but nowhere to sit		
Within Walking Distance				
Varsity	\$	Fast food; famous "Naked Dogs" and "rings"	(404) 881-1706	61 North Avenue
Rocky Mountain Pizza	\$\$	Good pizza, cheap beer, trivia nights	(404) 876-8600	1005 Hemphill Avenue
Junior's Grill	\$	On campus, great chicken fingers, friendly service	(404) 894-1297	On campus
Jaqbo	\$\$	Fresh-baked bread, near Homepark	(404) 873-1272	1093 Hemphill Ave NW
Quizno's	\$	Across from Smith Dorm in GSU Village	(678) 702-0777	120 North Ave.
Checkers	\$	Yummy milkshakes and french fries	(404) 892-7717	989 Spring St NW
Wing Nut Restaurant	\$\$	Tons of varieties of wings and chicken fingers	(678) 702-9990	120 North Ave NE
Howell Mill				
Great Western Burrito	\$	Cheap Mexican	(404) 603-9011	1715 Howell Mill Rd
Fast food	\$	Taco Bell, Arby's, KFC, Subway, Wendy's, Chick-fil-a, McDonald's		
Einstein Bros. Bagels	\$	Now with a low-carb menu!	(404) 367-4403	1789 Howell Mill Rd NW
Piccadilly Cafeteria	\$	For when your grandparents visit	(404) 352-0674	1715 Howell Mill Rd NW
Figo Pasta	\$	Design your own pasta dish	(404) 351-3700	1210 Howell Mill Road
Taqueria del Sol	\$	Inventive Mexican fare, but be prepared for a wait	(404) 352-5811	1200B Howell Mill Rd NW
Melting Pot	\$\$\$\$	Upscale fondue	(404) 351-1811	857 Collier Rd NW
Hong Li	\$	Chinese; Japanese sushi, bar	(404) 352-4684	1201 Collier Rd NW
Waffle House	\$	Breakfast food and more; 24 hours	(404) 351-0172	1700 Howell Mill Rd NW
West Egg Café	\$	Specializes in breakfast, comfortable atmosphere	(404) 872-3973	1168-A Howell Mill Rd.
Gilman's on Green	\$\$	Sports bar and pub	(404) 355-2554	629 Green Street
Poncey Highlands				
Apres Diem	\$\$	Artsy establishment	(404) 872-3333	931 Monroe Drive
El Azteca	\$	Mexican	(404) 881-6040	939 Ponce De Leon Ave
Majestic Diner	\$	24-hour diner	(404) 875-0276	1031 Ponce De Leon Ave NE
La Fonda Latina	\$	A break from normal Mexican; try the paella for two	(404) 607-0665	923 Ponce De Leon Ave NE
Krispy Kreme	\$	Great for late-night munchies	(404) 876-7307	295 Ponce De Leon Ave NE
Doc Chey's	\$	Asian noodle house	(404) 888-0777	1424 N Highland Ave NE
Midtown				
Front Page News	\$\$	Cajun-inspired menu, newspaper theme	(404) 897-3500	1104 Crescent Avenue
Einstein's	\$\$	Great desserts	(404) 876-7925	1077 Juniper Street
Bridgetown Grill	\$\$	Caribbean food, laid-back island service	(404) 873-5361	689 Peachtree St
Vortex Bar and Grill	\$	Great hamburgers, interesting waiters	(404) 875-1667	878 Peachtree St
The Flying Biscuit II	\$\$	Breakfast all day	(404) 874-8887	1001 Piedmont Ave NE
Jocks and Jills Sports Bar	\$	Standard sports bar atmosphere	(404) 873-5405	112 10th St NE
Noodle	\$	Asian cuisine, good date location	(404) 685-3010	903 Peachtree Walk NE
Baraonda	\$\$	Italian	(404) 879-9962	710 Peachtree St NE Apt 210
Jake's	\$	The best ice cream in town	(404) 685-3101	970 Piedmont Ave NE
Aloha Asian Cuisine & Sushi	\$	Unassuming exterior, good sushi	(404) 810-9128	550 Piedmont Ave
Up Peachtree				
Benihana	\$\$\$	Japanese, prepared in front of you	(404) 522-9629	229 Peachtree St NE
Mick's	\$\$	American cuisine	(404) 875-6425	557 Peachtree Street
Huey's	\$\$	Great biegnets, coffee, po'boys	(404) 873-2037	1816 Peachtree Rd
Café Intermezzo	\$\$	European atmosphere, coffee, desserts	(404) 355-0411	1845 Peachtree Rd
TGI Friday's	\$	Standard fare	(404) 350-0199	2061 Peachtree Rd NE
Wolfgang Puck Express	\$	Packaged version of famous chef's creations	(404) 815-1500	1745 Peachtree St NE
Mama Fu's Noodle House	\$	Good food in a trendy atmosphere	(404) 367-5443	1935 Peachtree Rd NE
Buckhead				
Cheesecake Factory	\$\$\$	Good selection, great cheesecake (duh)	(404) 816-2555	3024 Peachtree Rd NW
Atlanta Fish Market	\$\$\$	Voted best seafood in Atlanta	(404) 262-3165	265 Pharr Rd
Maggiano's	\$\$	Family-style upscale Italian	(404) 816-9650	3368 Peachtree Rd NE
IHOP	\$	Late-night diner	(404) 264-0647	3122 Peachtree Rd NE
ESPN Zone	\$\$	American, Sports bar	(404) 682-3776	3030 Peachtree Road NW
East Atlanta				
Roman Lily Café	\$\$	Creative dishes	(404) 653-1155	668 Highland Ave
The Heaping Bowl	\$	Whole meals served in a bowl	(404) 523-8030	469 Flat Shoals Ave SE
The Flying Biscuit	\$\$	Breakfast all day	(404) 687-8888	1655 McLendon Ave

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TWO BITS

A word to all you freshmen: presenting the only sensei and mentor that you will ever need

So, here we are. Allow me to welcome you, one and all, to your first year at the Georgia Institute of Technology, one of the finest, most rigorous, backbreaking, soul crushing, oh-God-I-need-a-drink institutions on the face of the planet. In short, sucks to be you.

You can expect to spend the next four (read: six to eight) years of your life slaving away at thankless, endless, stultifying work which will, without fail and despite your best efforts to the contrary, spill over into your weekends, holidays and family funerals time and time again. Best of luck to you.

Sadly, those are the breaks, and I, your faithful Two Bits Man and the closest approximation to a friend any of you little snots have at the moment, have compiled a brief list of answers to the questions we both know you're going to have about your stay.

1) No, your bed is not, strictly speaking, touching the ceiling. The Institute has spared no expense in bringing in the very

best scientists that the third-world has to offer to confirm that there is, indeed, just enough room for one, count 'em, one body (not that your nerdy ass will ever have call for a second) of what is referred to as 'reasonable' size to

slide, oh-so- gingerly, into bed without suffering any serious cuts or bruises from the ceiling. Looks like you plus-sized models are crap out of luck.

2) No, that wasn't a girl you just saw. * It was a fig-



ment of your fevered, desperate imagination. I'm not saying that there aren't any girls at Tech. I'm just saying that given their low number and the fact that they, like you, are almost certainly hopelessly introverted, off-puttingly nerdular types, you can reasonably expect to not so much as talk to a girl until at least half-way through your sophomore year. Hell, it'll take that long just to pry you away from Everquest long enough to hold a conversation with someone who doesn't think that gnomes, enchanted weapons and power-leveling are the height of chic. (Tip: generally speaking, girls don't give a rat's ass about how big the dragon was that your dark knight slew mightily yon other day.)

3) You don't have a car. This, quite frankly, sucks on levels that have heretowith never sucked before. It's okay, MARTA's just down the street, and Little Five Points is just a short, six-hour round-trip walk down North Avenue. Just make sure to bring ten or so bucks in quarters, some of those homeless guys won't take "no" for an answer.

4) Housing sucks, Parking's

incompetent and spiteful, and your professors won't even be able to remember your name for at least another year or so. Let's just go ahead and get these fun facts out of the way right out of the gate.

So, that's your situation. In all seriousness, it ain't all bad...just most of it. For instance, you'll make plenty of new friends with which to play D&D, and Tech kids throw the best LAN parties this side of MIT. So, congratulations, you magnificent, wet-behind-the-ears, socially inept bastards. You're at college now. Welcome. Just don't say I didn't warn you.

*A brief note to the ladies: If you have any desire to become involved with a Tech male, here's a couple of heads ups: a) He does, in fact, love his Xbox more than you. Get over it. b) In all vast likelihood, he has no idea whatsoever of how to please you. You may wish to institute a system of road signs and instructional manuals to expedite the learning process. Either that or invest in the very best that the phalanx of adult entertainment stores surrounding Tech have to offer.

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improvised soap opera, plays the late slot on Fridays. It is set circa 1991 in Little Five Points High School.

If you are feeling lucky (or bored) you can come to the Night Train Series on Fridays at midnight. The most chaotic of improv sessions determines your admission fee at the roll of a die, from free to \$5.

The shows on Fridays and Saturdays run at \$13.00 a piece. For those of you who consider a movie a better deal, the Garage offers a 50% off student discount every Thursday

night. Beginning this month, that offer will also include any plays that run on that evening. When a main stage play is running, try to check out the Pay-What-You-Can performances usually featured on Monday nights.

The theater is within walking distance from the Inman Park MARTA station, and the student rates on Thursday night make catching an improv show a perfect after-dinner date. Although, laughter is more contagious in groups.

You can find more information at www.dadsgarage.com or by calling (404) 523-3141.

Ray's from page 3

Zucchini, eggplant and cauliflower are staple ingredients.

Perhaps the most attractive student option is the all-you-can-eat buffet at \$7.99. This lengthy line of food is offered from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The restaurant's prime location between the College of Management and the GT Bookstore allows for passersby to glance at the selections made by patrons in their extensive outdoor seating area.

The striking feature of the space is

the upstairs dining area, which offers an inviting look at the restaurant's clean, sophisticated decor with a hint of hip.

The wait staff is friendly and prompt; hopefully, the level of service can be maintained when operating at their full capacity.

Despite the more upscale feel, Ray's seems to understand Tech students—televisions still offer ESPN.

Along one wall is a lonely bar with empty stools. Ray's has applied for a liquor license, but has not yet been approved.

Sunday through Wednesday, the

restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. As soon as the bar opens, however, the well-chosen Thursday through Saturday hours of 11 a.m. till "late" could offer a haven for students that no Tech Square space has yet to achieve.

Many options exist at Ray's New York Pizza and Cedars Mediterranean. Anyone is bound to find a delicious meal.

From buffalo wings and Hawaiian pizza to falafel and kabobs, this is a must-visit restaurant. Expect to spend around \$10 for a full meal, unless you're sharing a traditional pizza.

Dave Barry I will survive

When I got into journalism, I expected to do many things. None of them involved standing on a colleague's groin. But recently I learned that I might be called upon to do exactly that. I learned this in Fright School, which is known formally as Hostile Environment Training. This is a course, taught by corporate security consultants, that teaches you what to do if you find yourself in a situation involving dangerous elements such as terrorists, kidnappers, robbers, rioters, or fans of the Oakland Raiders.

I didn't think I needed this training, because I've lived for the past 20 years in a hostile environment, namely, Miami, where virtually everybody, including nuns, is packing heat. But along with many other journalists, I was ordered by my company to attend Fright School because this summer I'm going to the Olympics and both political conventions. I'm writing this column before leaving for those events, and I sincerely hope that, by the time summer's over, we'll all be heaving large sighs of relief from knowing that nothing bad happened, and nobody had to actually stand on anybody's groin.

But just in case you ever find yourself in a hostile situation or, God forbid, a Raiders home game, today I'm going to pass along the lessons I learned in Fright School, as recorded in my notes.

My first note says "cargo pants," because that's what the instructor was wearing. He was a muscular, military-looking British guy who was quite cheerful, considering that he ended roughly every fourth sentence with: "And if THAT happens, you're going to die." The instructor began by reviewing the various kinds of hostile situations we, as journalists, might encounter. The three main points I got from that were:

1. A lot of things can happen.
2. All of these things can kill you.
3. So DON'T PANIC.

Among the specific threats we discussed were "dirty bombs," germ warfare, mines, and booby traps. Because we took only the truncated one-day version of the course, the instructor couldn't go deeply into these threats, other than to note that they are all fatal. (He also pointed out that his company had the world's foremost authority on booby traps, and "he does a presentation that's quite entertaining.")

The most sensible way to avoid these threats, according to the instructor, is to remain alert, use common sense, be inconspicuous, and avoid dangerous areas, such as

the planet Earth. He also recommended that we carry the following items at all times: water, food, protective eyewear, protective headgear, an "escape hood" for gas attacks, a whistle, a personal alarm and a first-aid kit. He didn't say how you could look inconspicuous while carrying all these items: Maybe you could put them in your cargo pants and just pretend to have enormous thighs.

Here are a couple of other survival tips from the instructor that I wrote down:

- "If you're going to use an escape rope, try to get some knots in it."
- "Try to anticipate any strikes or blows."

Also, if you're going to get shot, the farther you are from the shooter, the better. I learned that valuable tip during the first-aid section of our training. The instructor began this section by noting that some people are reluctant to attempt first aid. "But," he said, "if your colleague is dying, and you don't do anything, he's going to die, isn't he? And he's not going to thank you, is he?"

To which sports columnist Tom Powers replied: "He's not going to complain, either." In first-aid training, we learned about the Trimodal Death Distribution, with the three Modes of Death being: Instant, Late and Delayed. The instructor said: "We're interested in the delayed diers."

I missed a lot of what he said next, because he was showing graphic color slides of injuries, and one of them, entitled "Impaled Object," required me to put my head between my knees for several minutes. But I definitely recall hearing the instructor say, several times, that if your colleague is bleeding profusely from the femoral artery, you should stop it by standing on his groin. This may be solid advice, but before I follow it, I intend to confer with the colleague.

ME: Do you mind if I stand on your groin?

COLLEAGUE: Thanks, but I'd rather bleed to death.

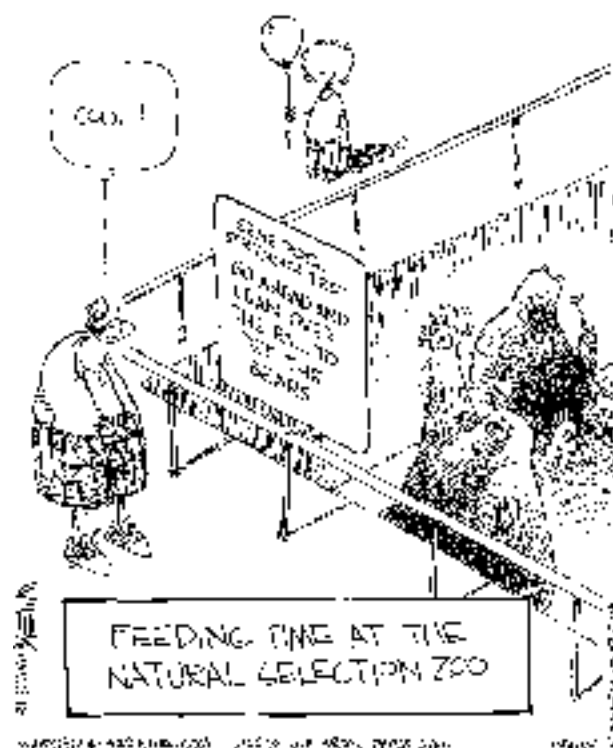
ME (relieved): OK, then!

But we're talking worst-case scenarios, here. As I said, I'm hoping that nobody needs any of this training, and that we all have a peaceful, hostility-free, and fun summer. Maybe I'll even see you at the conventions or Olympics! Assuming there are eye holes in my escape hood.

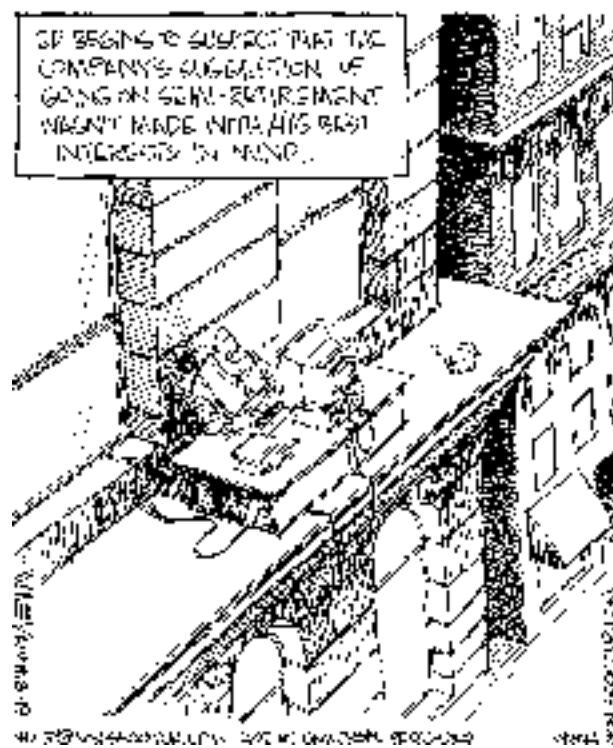
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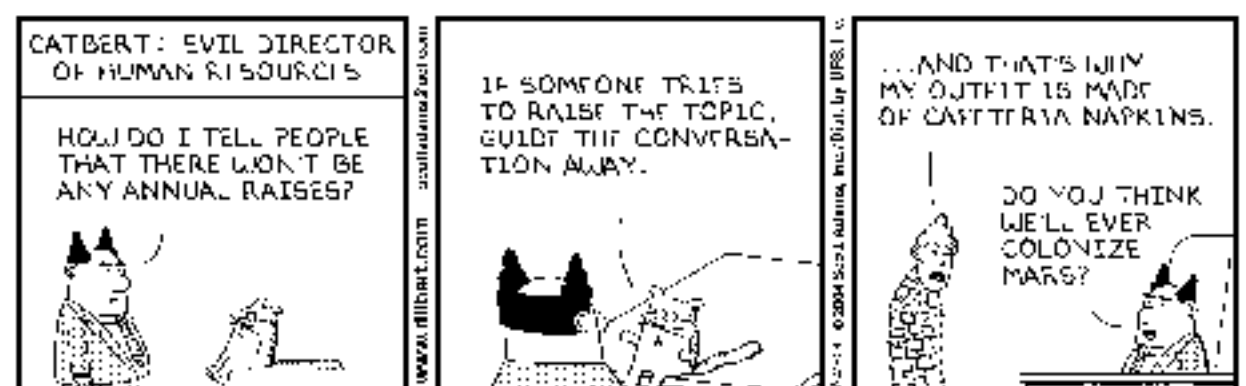
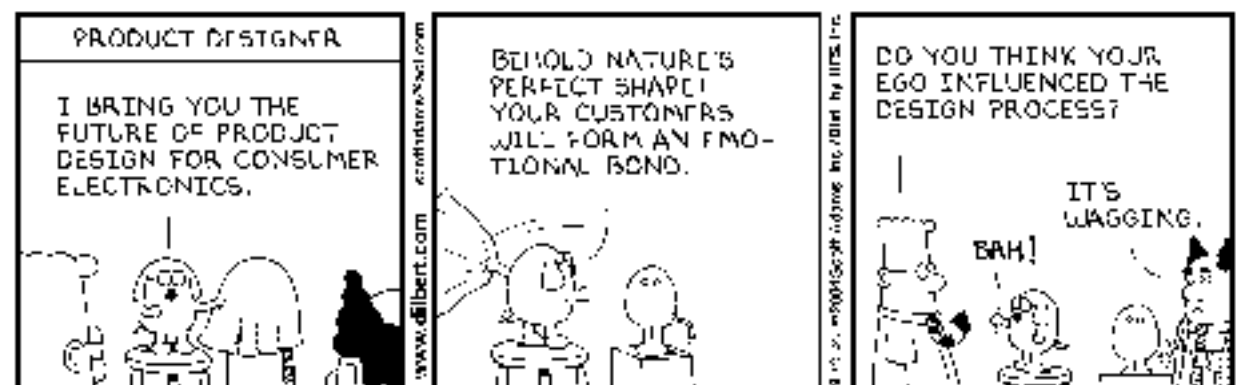
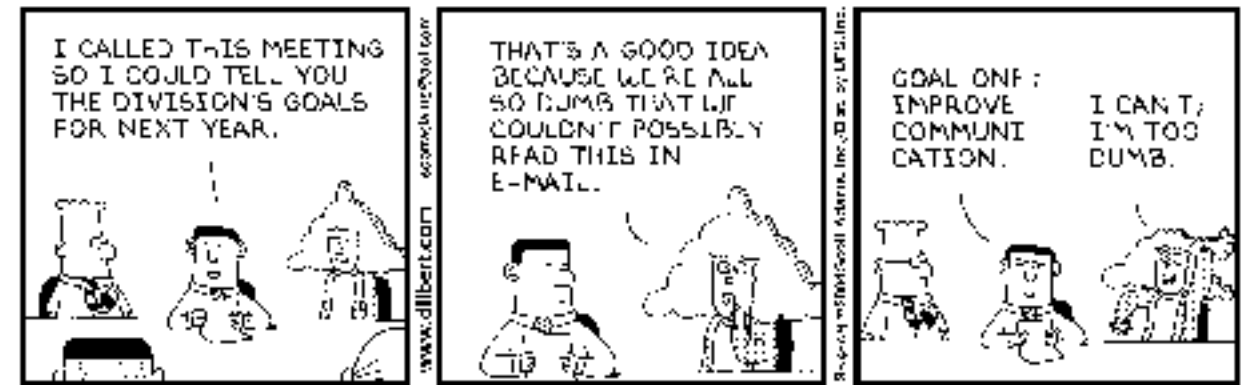
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Introduction

The *Technique's* Sports section provides in-depth reporting on all of Tech's varsity sports, as well as coverage of club and intramural athletic events. The section strives to objectively report on Tech sports, while offering a fun edge. It also seeks to provide coverage in a unique format, one that provides the features, insights and analysis of a sports magazine. For more information about the Sports section, contact its editor, Edward Tamsberg, at sports@technique.gatech.edu.

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Drew Gause (white jersey) and Joe Gaston (blue jersey) sprint toward the end zone at preseason practice on the Rose Bowl field August 10. Football players were practicing two-a-days on both Tuesday and Thursday of last week in preparation for the upcoming season. The first football game is September 4 against Samford at Bobby Dodd Stadium. Photo by Jamie Howell.

Inside Sports



The football season starts to take shape. See how the team stacks up. **Page 6**

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Need tickets? Read this article

By Kyle Thomason
Assistant Sports Editor

School busses are out running their routes and summer is quickly coming to its conclusion—sure signs that football season is right around the corner.

Students at Tech are lucky when it comes to getting a chance to watch their Yellow Jackets on the field this fall. Unlike some other area schools, students are able to attend home games for free. To avoid being left without a ticket to the big game, it's important to know the ticketing procedures.

Beginning August 18, students must bring their own BuzzCard to the GTAA ticket office, located on Bobby Dodd Way to receive coupons. Individual students can exchange these coupons for tickets beginning on Monday during the week of the game. Students wishing

to sit in blocks of 11 or more people should designate a group leader to drop off coupons on Monday only, and pick up tickets for the block on Wednesday. It is also possible to purchase "date passes" for friends to attend. They are available for all home games.

It is important to pay attention to the gate noted on the ticket; students can only use specified entrances. Also, students must bring their BuzzCard along with their ticket to be admitted into the stadium.

Students can also acquire tickets to away games, but these cost the full price charged by the hosts. The lottery signup for tickets to the UGA game in Athens is October 1 and 2; the next two days are reserved for pick-up, and all remaining tickets will go on sale that Friday.

The Jackets open their 2004 campaign against Samford on September 4 at 1 p.m. The game is at

home, and it will give fans their first glance at this year's exciting squad, led by sophomore sensation Reggie Ball, in live game action.

Tech is lucky enough to get the chance to host this year's two new ACC members and perennial football powerhouses, Miami and Virginia Tech, at Bobby Dodd Stadium. Miami comes to town October 2; the Canes are currently ranked fifth in the nation by ESPN football expert Ivan Maisel.

It is possible that these games could result in an extremely high demand for tickets, so waiting until the last minute to acquire tickets for these games is certainly not recommended. Tech students have even been known to camp out in the past to ensure getting tickets to big games. The ticketing procedures are not too difficult to follow, but it is important to have a good understanding of them to keep from being left out.

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Preseason poll ranks volleyball atop ACC

By Kyle Thomason
Assistant Sports Editor

Marisa Aston and Jayme Gergen are two members of the most successful senior class in Tech history, fresh off of an Elite Eight appearance—the farthest an ACC school has ever progressed in the NCAA tournament. All five seniors start on a team that is predicted to win the ACC according to the recently-released ACC Preseason Coaches Poll.

Gergen, a middle, had barely heard of Tech when she got a recruiting call from the Jackets. “When I first got the call, I was like ‘Georgia Tech?’ I’d never heard of Georgia Tech before; I’m from Kansas, where it’s all [Kansas] or Kansas State.” Gergen visited Tech and came away impressed. “I loved my teammates, especially the girls that would be coming in with me,” she said. Last season, Gergen led the team in blocks per game and was second in the ACC in hitting percentage.

“I actually was signed up to go to my junior college,” said Aston, a libero. “The [previous coach] Shelton, said that if he found a defensive specialist that was good enough, he’d put her on scholarship to be libero for the next year.” Aston was ready to leave her home state of California and head across the country; three years later, she is a preseason all-ACC selection and very satisfied with her choice to come play volleyball at Tech.

The other seniors are also contributing to the team’s success.

“Lynnette Moster and Lauren Sauer on the outside are going to be a pretty dynamic duo; they’re going to be one of the best outside hitting



Marisa Aston makes a play for the Jackets. The senior defensive specialist is joined by teammates Lynnette Moster and Lauren Sauer on this year’s preseason all-ACC team. Aston set a school record for digs in a season last fall. Tech looks to return to the ACC Championship podium this year.

By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

combinations in the country,” said Coach Bond Shymansky. Moster is a two-time All-American and Sauer was named to the All-American squad last year as well. They provide a very sturdy base for this year’s squad.

“I think Laura Kuhn’s going to be somebody to watch out for on the

right side; she’s our secret weapon,” Gergen said about her senior teammate. Already a starter and solid player, “I think Laura is going to have a breakout year. We had so much balance last year we didn’t have to rely on her, but this year, I think we’re going to have to rely on her,” Shymansky said.

Junior Jennifer Randall also returns to the starting lineup as a defensive specialist. With six returning starters from last year’s 34-4 team, this team already has a solid foundation in place, with only a few major questions to be answered.

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Intramurals offer high-class competition

By Edward Tamsberg
Sports Editor

Contrary to the nerdy stereotype, Tech has long been known for its student body’s athletic prowess. In the 1980s, *Sports Illustrated* profiled all intramural athletics at division 1-A colleges and universities across the country and named Tech as the “most aggressive and competitive of all.” That tradition continues with the new Campus Recreation Center and the intramural sports offered every semester.

Some sports offer co-ed participation, but all sports allow women to play. There is a Women’s League, where teams are composed solely of women, a Co-Rec League, where teams are made of both men and women and a Men’s League, where team can be composed of both men and women. Co-Rec teams must always have a certain number of male and female players on the field or court at a time, but men’s sports teams can have as many of either as they want.

It is not necessary to show up with a whole team to play. Free agents are always available to be picked up, and can be found at the intramurals website. Free agents are required to fill out their name, email address, phone number, what sport they want to play, what season and why they are the next LeBron. Most are just people looking for a team, but others are true ringers, too good to be held down and they, like everyone else, just want to play.

Players are allowed to play on any number of teams, but not on two teams for the same sport. You can play on a flag football team in the A League and an ultimate frisbee team in the B League, but not a flag football team in the A League and a flag football team in the B League. The penalty for making this common mistake is forfeit of the game you last played in and dismissal from both teams.

Captains are given special responsibilities as the designated leaders of their team. They make sure everybody on their team is eligible, has paid, signed their waiver, brings their Buzz Card to every game and is informed of the rules. They must also keep in close contact with the intramural staff and make sure their team is informed of any important news.

Play is broken up into four different leagues: A League, B League, C League and the Co-Rec League. Traditionally, B and C league have played host to the largest number of teams. These are people who have the free time and the interest, and whose commitment is usually anywhere from wavering to solid.

The A League is composed of those who have either played competitively in the past or who have a burning desire to prove something. The Co-Rec league hosts play for co-ed teams. The A League winners are considered school champions and get the highly contested team trophies.

A unique rating score is used



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Flag football is one of the more popular intramurals at Tech. Lineman must keep their hands behind their backs at all times while staying between the quarterback and the defense.

to determine the ranking of each team. Some leagues will be broken down into divisions depending on the number of teams playing that season, and teams will either compete against others in their own division or those in their league. The rating score is calculated by a formula that takes in a the number of games a team has won, the points they have scored in each game, the points their opponents scored against them, their opponents’ records and a sportsmanship score, ranging from zero to four, awarded by the referees

after every game.

Post-season play is determined in each sport and league by the rating score of each team from its season schedule. Teams also must achieve a certain sportsmanship rating to be eligible. The size and length of each tournament differ depending on everything from the number of teams in the league that year to the availability of the fields for play, and they have been known to change at short notice. That is why

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sports shorts

Jackets assistant leaves the nest

Scott Stricklin has been named head baseball coach at Kent State University. He has been an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for Tech the past three seasons. In his role as Tech’s recruiting coordinator, Stricklin landed some solid recruiting classes headlined by a class that was ranked No. 1 in the nation by both *Baseball America* and *Collegiate Baseball* in 2002. Stricklin lettered at Kent State for three seasons under current Tech Coach Danny Hall.

Players build Habitat House

Tech football players were working hard off the field this summer, with approximately 15 coaches and players working each Saturday alongside other volunteers on a Habitat for Humanity home built in partnership with HomeBanc Mortgage Corporation. The three-bedroom, two-bathroom dwelling in Marietta was dedicated August 7.

Tech golfers see summer successes

Yellow Jacket golfers have had incredible success on the links this summer. Mike Barbosa won the Cardinal Amateur, and Nicholas Thompson, Chan Wongluekiet and Roberto Castro, all of whom made the All-Atlantic Coast Conference golf team in the spring, have qualified for the stroke play portion of the U.S. Amateur golf tournament. Thompson and Wongluekiet each won their sectional qualifying tournaments to punch their tickets to the big event, while Castro placed third in his sectional.

Duncan named to softball staff

Brandon Duncan has been named an assistant coach for softball for the upcoming season. “I’m looking forward to Brandon working with our pitchers and catchers this season,” said head coach Ehren Earleywine. “His pitching career in men’s fastpitch softball is important to me. I know the level of play in the men’s game and have a great deal of respect for those who play it.” As a player, Duncan toured Asia with the “King and his Court” in 2001.

Women’s tennis recruits shine

Incoming freshmen Kristi Miller and Amanda Silverio have produced impressive results this summer on the tennis court. The pair teamed as doubles partners and made it to the finals of the Michigan Tournament. They followed that up by winning the USTA/ITA National Hardcourts, in which Miller also won the singles competition.

BCS makes changes to avoid dual champion scenario

By Billy Sayers
Contributing Writer

At the end of last year’s college football season, two teams left the field being considered the national champions for the year.

LSU ended the season ranked number one by the Coaches’ Poll after a victory in the national championship game, while USC was ranked number one by the Associated Press after a victory at the Rose Bowl.

The shared title led to an outcry from college football fans and reporters. The public demanded the addition of a title game at the end of the bowl season to definitively decide the national championship.

The idea of a playoff system was presented by the public. The Bowl Championship Series promised some changes to the way they would work the bowl situation, and a few changes actually came to be after

the summer meetings.

In announcing the changes, Big 12 Conference Commissioner and BCS Coordinator Kevin Weiberg said, “In analyzing the BCS standings we wanted to develop a ranking formula that would be simpler and more precise.”

The main changes to the BCS as we know it are changes that will affect how the rankings are formulated. In previous years, the AP poll and the Coaches’ Poll were averaged and then inserted into the BCS formula as a small portion in the overall formula. Strength of

schedule, quality wins and team records were also used to help derive the BCS rankings in the past.

This year all three of these factors will now be eliminated from the rankings. The Coaches’ Poll and the AP poll will now make up two-thirds of the rankings, each getting its own third of the rankings.

The other third is left to the highly-disputed computer polls that naturally factor in strength of schedule and quality wins.

The leaders of the BCS admit that this system will not be a perfect method of choosing a number one and two team,

but it should lead to more accurate results.

The biggest change in the BCS system will be the addition of one bowl game to the Bowl Champion-

in one week. Then, the following week, there will be the National Championship game that will rotate between the four games year by year as it does in the current system.

The new game was put in place to offer more spots in for smaller conferences and more at-large bids.

“The purpose of the BCS is to match the nation’s top two college football teams in an end-of-season bowl game for the National Champion-

“This formula goes a long way to eliminate some of the controversy surrounding previous match-ups...”

Kevin Weiberg
Big 12 Conference commissioner

Year	BCS No. 1	BCS No. 2
1998	Tennessee	Florida State
1999	Florida State	Virginia Tech
2000	Oklahoma	Florida State
2001	Miami (FL)	Oregon
2002	Miami (FL)	Ohio State
2003	LSU	USC

Old BCS rankings under the new formula. Oregon and USC (in bold) would have been ranked differently using the new system.

ship Series lineup. The Rose Bowl, Sugar Bowl, Fiesta Bowl and Orange Bowl will all get their own respective games in the new system, excluding the current national championship game. These games will be played

ship,” Weiberg said.

“This formula goes a long way to eliminate some of the controversy surrounding previous match-ups as we continue to improve upon the system.”

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Junior Lindsey Laband has stepped up into the starting setter role vacated by graduated All-American Kele Eveland nearly seamlessly. “She’s a great all-around player,” said Aston. Shymansky agreed: “Lindsey ran our team all spring; she was our starter, and she did a great job.”

If the past spring serves as any indication of how well the Jackets play with Laband, then she is certain to have a successful campaign.

Shymansky said, “She didn’t lose a match for us in all the competitions this spring. We played some tough teams, including Florida who was the national runner-up last year, and she figured out how to beat them not once, but twice. She’s great with out system; it’s all she knows.” Aston said, “It’s still a new system that not a lot of college teams use. People say it’s the fastest offense that they’ve seen.”

This year’s team also includes a trio of incoming recruits: Nikki Kaminskas, Ulrike Stegemann and Lindsey Gray. Kaminskas was named to the Fab 50 by *Volleyball* magazine and will be in the running for the starting middle job vacated by Alexandra Preiss’ graduation.

She will be competing against

Stegemann, who has been seasoned in international competition as a member of the German Youth National Team, and basketball player Ashley Guerrant.

Gray will spend this year learning from two of the best outside hitters around and will compete for a starting job next year.

“She has really been a great surprise to us. Seeing how much she’s improved since she committed a year ago to right now is outstanding. She has so many capabilities that are such a spitting image of Lynnette

Moster when she came in as a freshman,” said Shymansky.

The team has been invited to start the season in the prestigious NACWAA Women’s Volleyball Classic.

“The invitation shows how much people respect our team and our conference,” Aston said. The Yellow Jackets’ first match is against two-time defending champion University of Southern California.

“It’s a premium opportunity,” said Shymansky; the game will give the team a chance to start off against great competition and really see where they stand.

“I’m from Southern California; I’m way excited—bring it on!” Aston. The team seems thrilled at the chance to battle the perennial power to open the year.

This year’s team certainly has the ability to match last year’s success, and USC will be in for a tough match. Tech has one of the country’s hardest schedules; it appears even more difficult than last year’s slate that was the fifth most difficult in the nation.

Most of all, these Jackets will play hard and have fun. Gergen said, “We have fun playing volleyball, and we love each other; we want to set that bar for all of the teams going through Tech.”

The team focuses on more than just what happens on the court. They do a multitude of activities together aside from practice and games, such as Six Flags trips, being “kidnapped” by the coaches for a night out, doing cornfield mazes at Halloween and many more team-building exercises.

“We’re not volleyball players, we’re people that play volleyball. It’s very important to our coaches that we grow as people while we’re here and develop relationships. These are the people I’m going to stay in touch with the rest of my life,” Aston said.

Although it would be easy to predict big things for this squad, it’s the little things that matter the most to them.

“Our major goal is to stay motivated throughout the season,” Gergen said. “We say our best is better than everybody else. We worry about what we’re going to do on our side of the net and work hard at working hard; winning is what happens at the end of the match,” said Shymansky.

Winning is something that is becoming very familiar to this Tech program. Even with the plethora of graduating seniors, the future is bright.

“Our class of ’05 is unbelievable; I would guess that class will be ranked in the top two or three in the country when that gets evaluated,” Shymansky said.

Even with the success the program has enjoyed, the team is all over campus trying to win over new fans. They will be helping freshmen move in and can be found af-

ter football games encouraging fans to come out to their matches. The first chance for students to see the Jackets on campus is the weekend of September 10, with games Friday through Sunday, with the Sunday match being a huge contest against Ohio State. Admission is free with a BuzzCard. “Just come out to one game, and you’ll be hooked,” said Aston.

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it is important for team captains to keep in close contact with intramural officials.

Costs are determined on a team-by-team basis. They range anywhere from \$30 to \$45. Depending on the number of players on each team, which differs for every sport, the average is about five bucks each.

Different sports are offered in the different phases of each semester. Staples like flag football and Ultimate Frisbee are always sure way to have fun, and a wide array of other sports offer a satisfying change from the traditional. Sports like team dodgeball, wallyball and raquetball are all increasing in popularity every year.

Referees are needed for intramural sports every year. Training, clothes and equipment are provided, and refereeing gives a means of interaction with fellow students without having to take sides or worry about winning. It is also a chance to earn a bit of extra cash during the semester.

The completion of the CRC and all its facilities will provide a wealth of enjoyment for the whole student body. In the past, construction had obstructed the intramurals programs, but now with more parking and larger accommodations, the intramural program is poised to bring new life to student recreation.

Rules, times, requirements for eligibility and other important information can be found at the intramurals website at www.crc.gatech.edu/IM.

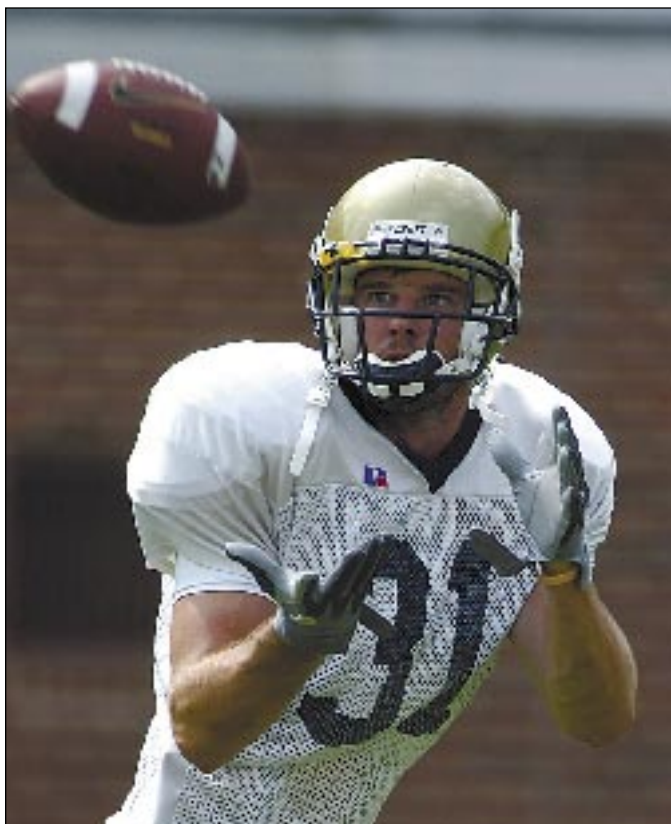
Offense

2004 Georgia Tech

By Michael Clarke



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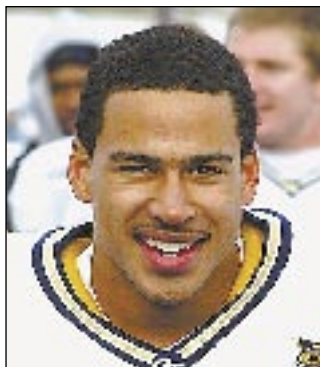


Above - The offense gets in sync during drills. A cohesive offensive line will be needed to cement the running game and protect Reggie Ball.

Left - Robbie Rollins goes out for a pass; wide receiver is a position with great potential, but the depth chart is still shaking out.

Introduction

Tech's football team will be entering its 112th season on September 4 against Samford, but before they do, it's appropriate to see how the team stacks up.



Reggie Ball

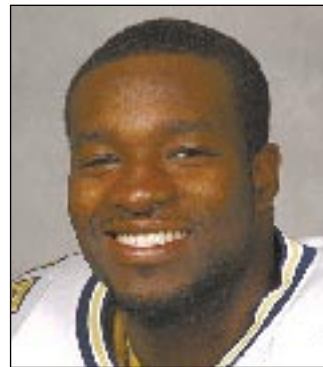
Quarterback Grade: A-

With last year's ACC Rookie of the Year returning at quarterback, Chan Gailey will be able to focus his attention elsewhere this year. In his freshman campaign, Reggie Ball started every game and led the Jackets to a school record seventh consecutive bowl game. Ball had an up-and-down freshman campaign, but showed flashes of greatness and captivated fans like no Jackets signal caller since Joe Hamilton.

The Jackets will be looking to give Ball some additional time by throwing in the shotgun formation more this season. This should give Ball a chance to read the defense a bit better as well as giving him more time to react against the speedy defenses in the ACC.

Patrick Carter will help add depth at the position, but his attributes are very similar to Ball's, making his use as a "change of

pace" back unlikely. It appears that Carter has recovered from injury problems that hampered him as a freshman. "He's certainly made a great deal of progress from the end of the season to the end of spring practice, so that was a positive, and we'll see if he's taken it another step, which he needs to do," Gailey said.

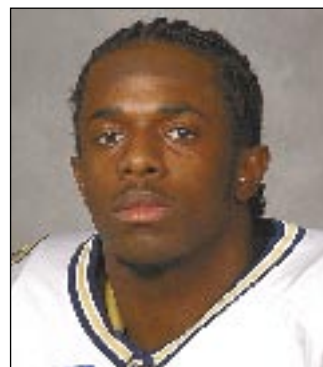


P.J. Daniels

Running Backs Grade: A

With P.J. Daniels back after a strong performance in the Humanitarian Bowl against Tulsa, Tech will be looking to run the ball to take some pressure off of Reggie Ball and an overall inexperienced set of wide receivers. Daniels will come close to the 1400-plus yards that he put up last year, but the offensive line and his health will determine if he actually meets or exceeds it.

Senior Jimmy Dixon is returning to help pave the way for Daniels this year. Although Dixon rarely handles the ball, often playing the fullback spot, he is a solid blocker. Backup Chris Woods will also be ready for action in the backfield when Daniels comes out for a breather.



Nate Curry

Wide Receivers Grade: B+

Patrick Nix's first task as offensive coordinator will be finding a way to solidify the receiving corps after the departure of Jonathan Smith. Nate Curry looks to be the lead receiver, but behind him there are several players who the Jackets will be looking to step up. Damarius Bilbo is in his second season as a wide receiver for Gailey and will be asked to take on some of the burden. He looked sharp in the first fall scrimmage, catching two circus catches. Freshman Calvin Johnson will be competing for playing time; he has shown incredible athletic ability, but the transition between high school and college football for such a great athlete can be difficult. Senior Levon Thomas will also be called upon to carry some of the offensive burden.

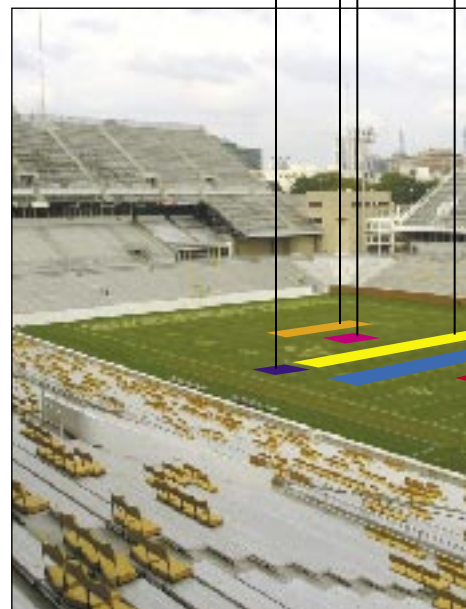
"We certainly don't mind

Offensive Line: B+

Quarterback: A-

Running Back: A

Wide Receiver: B+



Both offense and defense have lost important pieces and need the most development, with starting quarterback Chan Gailey remaining in control of the passing lanes, a

playing who the best player is whether they are a freshman or a senior," Gailey said.

"[Bilbo]'s made a lot of improvements. He made great strides from the first day of spring practice to the last day of spring practice. I'm anxious to see if he's carried over from the end of spring practice to the beginning of fall practice where he was in his development..."



Darius Williams

Tight End Grade: C-

With the departure of John Paul Foschi, the tight end position will be a major concern for Tech entering the season. Entering fall practices, Darius Williams, George Cooper and Michael Matthews will be competing for the starting job. All three have the ability to do the job, but none have stood out from the crowd.

"Those will be the three guys that will be given the opportunity to win the job," said Chan Gailey. "Michael Matthews made the biggest jump in spring practice, and we'll have to see how that shakes up. That is one that probably has a giant question mark beside it."

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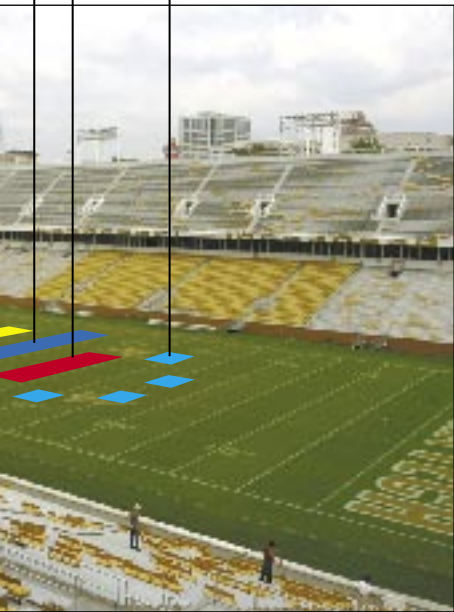
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Defense

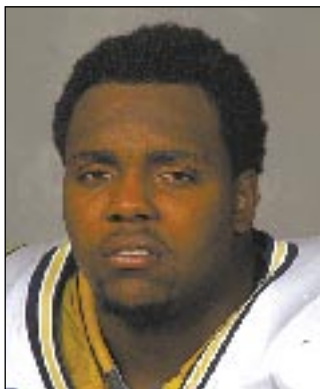
Defensive Line: A

Linebackers: C+

Defensive Backs: A



Important players. Linebackers and tight ends positions still left to be filled. However, Ball and the defense is always ready to go.



Eric Henderson

Defensive line Grade: A

Once again, the Jackets will rely on their defense to help win games for them, and what better way to do that than stopping the line with one of the more impressive defensive lines in recent history. On the ends will be Eric Henderson with Travis Parker, who moved from tackle to end to help alleviate some of the focus on Henderson. Last year, Henderson was the ACC leader in sacks and second in tackles for loss.

At the tackles, sophomores Joe Anoai and Mansfield Wrotto will be starting in the middle. They should be strong against the run game. Expect the Jackets to employ a "nickel line" with Parker moving inside in passing situations.

lined by preseason All-American James Butler at free safety. Junior Dawan Landry will be returning at strong safety, and was a major contributor on defense last season with 85 tackles and two interceptions. Reuben Houston is the returning starter at one corner, but the defense must replace the loss of Jonathan Cox from last year's squad. Filling in the opposite corner will be Dennis Davis and Kenny Scott competing for playing time, with the player not starting likely to fill the nickel slot. Gailey would prefer to see his cornerbacks be able to play one-on-one to open up more options.

"Take into consideration how the guy plays, how intelligent [Butler] is, and how he handles himself on and off the field. He's a star in all three of those areas. His performance, his knowledge of the game and his character are just outstanding, and that's why he's a great player," Gailey said.

Expect a lot of big plays from Butler in the defensive backfield this year.

Special Teams Grade: B-

After a disappointing season last year, the kicking game looks to have some fresh faces going into the start of fall practices.

"We didn't have anybody in the punting game step up in spring practice. Cal Belcher, a signee that we have, will be the guy that we'll look at very closely in the preseason, in the kicking game," Gailey said.

Belcher was told to focus mostly on punts after spring drills in which Travis Bell was

Right - Reuben Houston makes a break on a pass. The secondary looks to be a strength for the Jackets this year.

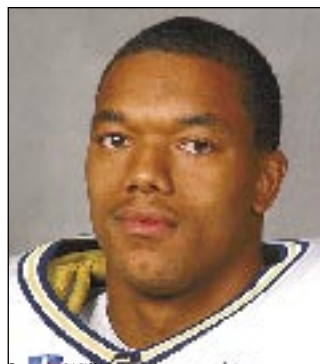
Below - The Jackets hope to have a swarming defense, just like last year's squad.



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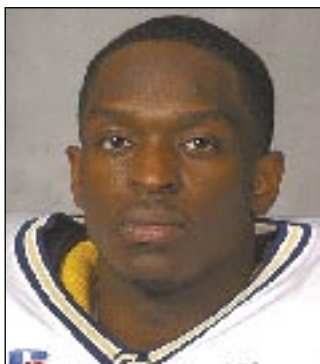
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Gerris Wilkinson

Linebackers Grade: C+

The linebacking corps will have to overcome the loss of standouts Keyaron Fox and Darryl Smith to the NFL, but look to some new blood to bring about a spark. Nick Moore, Chris Reis and Gerris Wilkinson will see a lot of time, but will need to come together as a unit to help overcome the inexperience. Wilkinson is the only returning starter at linebacker, moving from defensive end to the middle. Reis often played a hybrid linebacker role in passing situations the past year as well, so this is not a group totally new to the playing field.



James Butler

Secondary Grade: A

The defense is going to be anchored by an extremely strong and experienced secondary, head-

Coaching Staff: B



Chan Gailey comes back for his third season at Tech after leading the Yellow Jackets to bowl games each of the past two years. He is an extremely experienced coach, having split 30 years of service between the college ranks and the NFL. Last year, he showed the capability to be innovative and daring, letting freshman Reggie Ball start at quarterback. With workhorse back P.J. Daniels, this Tech team should be a great match for Gailey's style of play if the defense can consistently line up with big stops.

Patrick Nix has been elevated to the position of offensive coordinator. The former Auburn quarterback served as Tech's quarterback coach last year, so his familiarity with Reggie Ball's abilities could make it a smooth transition. Defensive coordinator Jon Tenuta's aggressive scheme should be back in action once again this fall. He is well-known for his attacking blitzes, and he should be able to take advantage of Tech's speed defense.

BEYOND THE WHITE AND GOLD

In spite of teams’ success, Georgia’s still on my mind

By Edward Tamsberg
Sports Editor

I still remember how last year began. No real expectations, only a little bit of hope and some luck. Looking back, that was all it really took for things to turn our way. The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* was the first to see Reggie Ball’s potential, saying Ball (at the time just a pre-season standout) was “impressive” at practice and that he made “consistently good decisions.” Not a glowing review, but optimistic given the mostly sporadic performances of Tech’s previous quarterback. But Reggie proved himself to be different than his predecessor, and the rest of the football team was right there with him. By the time November came around, the team was rolling after their win over

Maryland and the instant classic “Open for Buzzi-ness” had been out so long even Clough was tired of it. The season came with its upsets too, but none of that really mattered. The true test of strength for us came on Thanksgiving weekend. Basketball was by far one of the best stories of the year. That same Thanksgiving weekend it was UConn Head Coach Jim Calhoun who was, in his own words, “the most surprised guy” at Madison Square Gardens. For that moment, our Cinderella-story-in-the-making seemed to push past the traditionally recognized game of the weekend played at Bobby Dodd Stadium, but B.J. Elder was right when he said that night that there was no “secret anymore.” Who would have thought that the Preseason NIT would have

been such a good predictor for the NCAA tournament? Our losses that season were few, but there was one in particular that stood out above all

“Have we forgotten about Athens? Despite the noticeable success of all three of our programs, we failed to put down those UGA dawgs.”

the rest. An 83-80 double overtime loss to a team that was not Duke or UNC, a team that really had no place next to us. Baseball seemed to begin where

basketball had left off against UConn. After opening with a six-game winning streak, Tech went on to lose nine of its next twelve games, including three consecutive home games to UVA. The AJC put it best when, in an April article, they said it had “been a season of peaks and valleys for Georgia Tech’s baseball team.” Tech went on to lose the ACC tournament in two games to Florida State, but the season was far from over. “Our main goal is to win a national championship for Georgia Tech,” Second Baseman Eric Patterson said in February, and that was what it came down to. After plowing through both Jacksonville State and Texas Tech, baseball found itself on track to the College World Series. But after dropping two games, in a best of three series, to a team

we know all too well by this point, Tech’s dream was crushed and die-hard fans were left waiting for next year for another shot at glory. Have we forgotten about Athens? Despite the noticeable success of all three of our programs, we failed to put down those UGA dogs. Aren’t we inarguably the best in the state, if not a national contender? This rivalry is a streak of bad blood that has existed since the founding of our two universities. A tradition that predates the enrollment of George P. Burdell, it marks every game and gathering with shouts of “To Hell with Georgia!” Yin and Yang, Conservative and Liberal, Northern and Southern, Tech and UGA. Every year I struggle to get tickets for the long-awaited game on Thanksgiving Day. This year we need to bring our game to their place.

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SLIVER

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I have an autographed poster of Miss Texas Pete 2004. And it is a calender. ESRI can eat my dung. John, remeber not to get object happy when using .NET. The Burger King on Northside is one of the worst in the world. Windows XP just took a core dump on me. I’m on my 7th laptop at work. Ruggedized, my ass.

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NCAA modifies recruiting regulations

By Kyle Thomason
Assistant Sports Editor

Last year, the *Miami Herald* ran a series detailing the recruiting tour of highly touted linebacker Willie Williams. The piece was an eye opener with regard to the royal treatment that recruits had come to expect.

Williams was afforded private jets whenever they were deemed necessary. On his trip to Miami, the school he eventually selected, Williams was picked up by Coach Larry Coker in a Cadillac Escalade.

He lived the life of a celebrity, staying in five-star hotels (one even had a Jacuzzi on its balcony) and eating a plethora of lobster tails

and steaks.

When he dropped by the locker room, he found a jersey with his name prominently displayed, and was treated to a simulated introduction that can usually be found only in one's wildest dreams. Leaving campus in the evening to enjoy Miami's nightlife, Williams "encountered" such notables as Warren Sapp, Clinton Portis and Jevon Kearse.

Williams' escapades certainly indicated to one very important group, the NCAA's Board of Directors, that change was necessary. Come this fall, recruits will not be enjoying all of the frills that were afforded to those in the past—widespread changes are limiting the pampering that prospects will receive when they

show up for their campus visits.

The new policies must be in writing at the NCAA's member schools before they are allowed to host any recruits this fall. Some of the highlights include that only commercial flights and standard transportation may be used to transport recruits, and room and board must be consistent with those standard for students at the school.

Schools must also outline their guidelines regarding "entertainment" on and off campus as well as setting up strict rules prohibiting underage drinking, gambling and other activities that could be construed as illegal or immoral. Personalized memorabilia such as jerseys for the incoming players and

the breathtaking pre-game replications are also out the window.

The reforms are seen as a step in the right direction, but it is very possible that they will be amended in the near future after seeing how they function after implementation. The purpose of the reforms is twofold: they attempt to level the playing field when it comes to recruiting budgets and keep scandals such as those recently experienced in Colorado and Miami from becoming recurring events.

Schools with smaller recruiting budgets will now be able to compete for high-profile recruits based on their academic and athletic profile.

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Offensive Line Grade: B+

Although Tech lost two all-conference linemen, the Jackets offensive line remains strong. Senior Kyle Wallace will be lining up at left tackle with possibly either Andy Tidwell-Neal or Leon Robinson playing the left guard position. Robinson will depend on how his health and recovery is progressing, but Tidwell-Neal can play guard and center, adding flexibility. Newcomer, Kevin Tuminello is responsible for making sure Reggie Ball has the ball in his hands every play, but beside him is the last returning starter for Tech, Brad Honeycutt. Salih Besirevic rounds out the line at right tackle.

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extremely impressive.

"Travis Bell kicked well in the spring, but whether he can maintain and improve on that performance remains to be seen as well," Gailey said.

Early returns from the fall show that Bell may be continuing his good work.

"One of the more impressive things of the day was Travis Bell kicking the ball," Gailey said after the first fall scrimmage of the redshirt freshman from Roswell, Ga., who hit field goals of 49, 36 and 37 yards.

The return game also has several question marks with the departure of Jonathan Smith. Expect the

top candidates to emerge from the cornerbacks and wide receivers, many of whom have experience in returning kicks.

Outlook: 8-3 regular season

Chan Gailey's Jackets are looking to improve on last season's successes, and to smooth out some of the bumps in the rollercoaster. The Jackets should be able to look at Samford and UConn as certain non-conference wins. In the conference, though things will be hairy.

The Jackets should be able to beat Duke and North Carolina with relative ease, but there are reasons why football is played on the field and not on paper. Clemson will be the first real test for the Jackets but is a very winnable game for Tech.

Maryland, NC State and Virginia will all be very difficult games, but Tech has a good chance in prevailing in at least two of the three games. Virginia Tech looks to have a bit of a down season, but will be a tough match for Tech.

Georgia is somewhat overhyped this year, but going into Athens will be tough if Tech can't handle the pressure of an instate rivalry or lets itself get psyched out.

The only gloomy game in the schedule is the Miami game the first weekend of October, but they will be coming off two cupcake games in a row coming into Atlanta. Odds are pretty good that an overconfident and underprepared Miami team might come to Atlanta and overlook a hungry Yellow Jackets squad.

by the numbers

112

Number of Tech student athletes named to the 2003-04 Atlantic Coast Conference Academic Honor Roll. This is William Hardy's fifth straight year on the honor roll, and the Jackets boast 10 other members who have been honored for four consecutive years.

12

Tech's national preseason ranking in volleyball according to the USA Today Coaches Preseason Poll. This is the same spot the Jackets held in the preseason rankings last year to begin their Elite Eight run, which ended in a number eight final national ranking.

5

Number of holes under par that Mike Barbosa shot en route to winning the Cardinal Amateur. The rising junior emerged victorious after a four-hole playoff with Duke's Ryan Blaum.

The Boys of Summer search for cooler climate



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A record 10 baseball players were drafted into the MLB at the end of postseason play. Some have joined summer leagues up north.

By Kyle Thomason
Assistant Sports Editor

They play for teams all over the country, many making the trek to New England to get experience in their summer leagues, with some playing for teams centered as far away as Alaska. For many of Tech's players, this is nothing new; a large portion of them played competitive travel baseball for years before they even thought about college, spending their summers barnstorming about the country.

The most popular destination for Tech players this summer is the Cape Cod League. Professional scouts hover around the New England area to catch a glimpse of the next superstar honing his skills. Players are invited by the independent teams to play in the prestigious summer wooden bat league; the only qualification is that they must have NCAA

eligibility remaining.

Many of the Tech participants have been experiencing great success in the league. John Goodman has posted a stellar 1.32 ERA and Ryan Self has also been outstanding, limiting the opposition to only 18 hits in his first 37 innings pitched.

Tyler Greene has handled the bat extremely well, hitting nearly .300 in what is known as a pitcher's league. Micah Owings has been impressive on the mound and with the bat during his stint for Bourne, giving up only one earned run in 13 innings of work and batting .345.

Tim Gustafson and Ryan Turner have also been hanging around the Northeast this summer, competing in the New England Collegiate Baseball League for the Keene Swampbats. Both Gustafson and Turner were terrific on the hill for the Swampbats; Gustafson finished with a 2.53 ERA, and Turner's numbers

are incredible; he won all five decisions in which he was involved, and opponents only hit .184 off of him for the summer.

Jared Hyatt and Blake Wood spent their summers thousands of miles away pitching for the Anchorage Bucs of the Alaska Baseball League. Alaska may not be that well-known for its baseball, but one must imagine its climate in the summer might provide a nice escape from the heat and humidity of Georgia. Both Hyatt and Wood received a good amount of work, and their statistics indicate that they threw the ball very well this summer.

Fall classes are starting and Micah Owings, Jeremy Slayden and Eric Patterson still remain unsigned. This is a pleasant surprise for Tech fans; all three of them are highly regarded players having enjoyed great

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success at the collegiate level, and it is very possible they could be back on campus competing for the Yellow Jackets in the spring. It is extremely rare for players of their ability level to continue playing at the college level after being drafted.

Of the great class of incoming freshmen signed by Georgia Tech, only Eddie Prasch and Blake DeWitt have signed to play professionally, leading the Yellow Jackets with quite a crop of incoming players. A half dozen of the recruits, Matt Wieters, Eddie Burns, Brian Futral, Tim Ladd, Danny Payne and Michael Fisher, were included in *Baseball America's* pre-season Top 100 College and High School Prospects for the 2004 June Draft.

Wieters, ranked among the top three prospects in the state of South Carolina the past year, has been very impressive in competition this summer. He was the co-MVP at the 18-and-under Perfect Game/Wood World Bat Association Summer Championship this summer, batting .400 and saving two games on the mound for the Charleston Diamond Devils. He is just one of several Tech recruits that have been playing all

over the country this summer, with quite a few playing for the vaunted East Cobb Yankees.

Rounding out the big news for the summer, Tech has added a pair of new coaches for the upcoming season. Josh Holliday, a former All-American, Academic All-American and assistant coach at Oklahoma State, a school at which his father coached, will be joining Coach Danny Hall's staff as an assistant. His main focus will be working on hitting and catching. "We really recruited Josh out of high school, but we eventually lost him to his dad and Oklahoma State. I am very happy to have him on our staff now," commented Hall in a press release about the new acquisition.

The other addition to the staff is a man who is very familiar to Yellow Jacket baseball fans, Victor Menocal. Menocal has retired from professional baseball and will return to Atlanta as a volunteer assistant coach. The former star shortstop has been pitching in the Phillies organization this past season, and is thrilled at the chance to return to Tech. "I have always wanted to get into coaching," said Menocal. "Coach Hall will give me the opportunity to get that phase of my career started and I am really excited about it."

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The Williams incident revealed that campus trips are major tools used by many top players to come to a final decision on where they will play. The changes instituted are designed to steer these trips toward revealing what the schools actually have to offer, instead of coaches using them as a showcase to demonstrate the depth of the athletic department's coffers and the extent of the surrounding nightlife.

The greatest concern regarding the reforms seems to be emerging from the ban of non-commercial airlines. Commercial flights do not reach areas near all major universities and smaller airports often have only a flight or two coming in each day from most locales, making it difficult to get all recruits on campus in a timely fashion.

Another concern of some coaches is that many of the young men going on the visits may have never flown before, and the new rules could lead to the prospects having to transfer

between planes, possibly multiple times. They feel that it could put them at a major disadvantage if a recruit has been rattled before he even arrives.

A concrete example applies to recruits who also play high school basketball and stay at home to play a Friday night game. These young men would have a difficult time catching a plane before Saturday morning, and depending on the distance from a major airport to campus could miss the morning sessions. This is when most programs host their academic sessions, which are crucial to recruits being exposed to the courting school's academic attributes and support services.

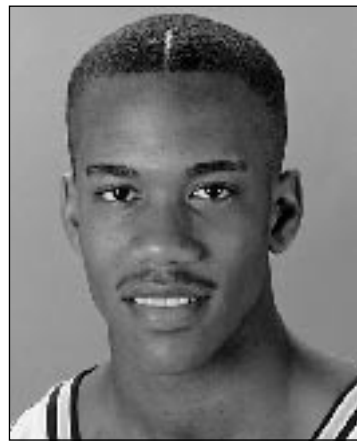
With all of these reservations about the viability of using commercial flights, expect this clause to come under heavy scrutiny this winter. Some consider this to be an overreaction, but coaches have little doubt that the NCAA is taking a stand, and it is taking steps to avoid being embarrassed by recruiting excesses.

Olympic faces in the crowd



CHAUNTE HOWARD
Junior
Track

Howard has made the climb from ACC champion, to NCAA national champion, to 2004 Olympian in the high jump. Howard first dreamt of becoming an Olympian at four-years old and believed the best way to realize that dream was attending Tech and working under jumps coach Nat Page.



STEPHON MARBURY
Alumnus
Basketball

One of the late additions to the U.S. roster, Stephon Marbury will make his first Olympic appearance in Athens. In 1996, he was the Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Year and became the fifth freshman in conference history to make first-team All-ACC, leading Georgia Tech to the ACC Championship.



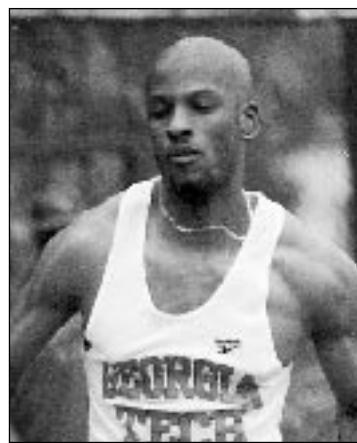
VESNA STOJANOVSKA
Sophomore
Swimming

Stojanovska became the first Tech women's swimming and diving athlete to garner All-America honors this past season, finishing 10th in the 200-meter butterfly at the NCAA Championships. The Aerospace Engineering major also participated in the 2000 Olympics, in Sydney, Australia.



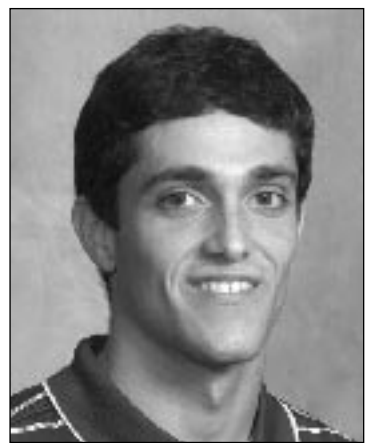
LEO SALINAS
Alumnus
Swimming

Salinas holds a number of records for Tech Men's Swimming. He ranks sixth in 200 freestyle, third in 500 free, fourth in 1000 free, fourth in 1650 free, and was part of the 400 free relay team that ranks second all-time in Tech history with a time of 3:01.73 in 2002.



ANGELO TAYLOR
Alumnus
Track

Former Tech men's track athlete Angelo Taylor, who won the NCAA Title in the 400-meter hurdles in 1998 while at Tech, will defend his 2000 Olympics Gold medal. He tallied a third-place finish in the men's 400-meter intermediate hurdles in the Olympic trials.



JORGE OLIVER
Alumnus
Swimming

Oliver competed for Tech from 2000-03, graduating in 2004. He currently ranks on the all-time Top 10 lists in six different categories, including the 200-yard individual medley. Oliver will swim the 200-meter IM at the Olympic Games for Puerto Rico.

SLIVER

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To the cute little red headed girl who was a freshman in 02. You are so Beautiful. I would like to marry you and have red headed babies with you. I have red hair too, so it would work.

this weather sucks.

sighs No water for at least 11 hours....at least we still have internet

I miss Tech. Anyone want to pay for me to come to grad school?
finished before noon!!!

yo

Who sent a GIRL to review "Anchorman"?!! Of COURSE a GIRL wouldn't find it funny.

glorious wastings of my time

dave barry

I would not even consider marrying a girl who wouldn't be willing to do my stupid laundry for me
wow what a bad review...too bad the writer missed the entire point of the movie and gave away the ending
to everyone

fsd

^^^ I'm with stupid ^^^

SHAMGOD WELLS

Georgia Tech has one of the biggest CoCs in the country.

Incoming Freshman: the CoC we have here at Georgia Tech is one of the largest in the world.

Surprise...Wednesday's promised grades for the CS test aren't up yet

That's right, I'm whiny...isn't that part of what the Sliver box is for?

CS students, do not be ashamed of your CoC. It is huge but smart.

Who is throwing a Home Park kegger this summer?

Ana Maria, you are a food snob.

I consume more Texas Pete than anyone else at Tech.

I always feel sorry for the FASET students ... they have not idea what they are getting in to.



FRESHMAN SURVIVAL GUIDE

Freshman Issue 2004

Introduction

Every year, the *Technique* staff toils countless hours on the Freshman Survival Guide. This guide is our way of providing helpful information and advice for incoming freshmen. We hope it will also be a useful reference for returning students, parents, alumni and visitors. Inside, you'll find some informative articles, a few history lessons, the much-anticipated "99 things to do before you graduate" and more. For additional information about Tech history, traditions and survival tools, see our sister publication, the *T-Book* at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/tbook.

If you have questions or comments about the Freshman Survival Guide, email Daniel Amick, Editor-in-Chief, at editor@technique.gatech.edu.

Cover photo

Stephanie Bent roots for the Jackets during the 2003 Tech-UGA game in Atlanta. The bitter rivalry with our Athens neighbor is just one of many longstanding Tech traditions. Photo by Scott Meuleners.

George P. Burdell: the legend lives on

By Daniel Amick
Editor-in-Chief

He's the most famous Tech student. Ever.

George P. Burdell first enrolled at Tech in 1927, and since that time, his legend has become a beloved part of Tech.

In 1930, Burdell earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He studied at Harvard for a short time before shipping off to England where he flew bombers for both the Navy and the Eighth Air Force during World War II.

Burdell is more than just a gifted engineer and patriot—he is also a prolific writer, having penned countless letters to the editor that have appeared in newspapers including the *Technique* and the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Burdell's name frequently appears on credit card applications,

guest books and insurance forms. He is often paged by unsuspecting operators of public address systems at Tech away games and other large sporting events.

Of all Burdell's achievements, perhaps the most notable came in December 2001. Burdell garnered the most votes in an online poll for *Time* Magazine's Person of the Year. Then, inexplicably, *Time* pulled Burdell out of the running, paving the way for George W. Bush to claim that illustrious title.

The origin of George P. Burdell will never be known for certain, but the most likely story was described in a 1977 article in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution Magazine*.

The article described how, in

1927, William Edgar Smith, BS '30, received an extra admissions application.

Instead of throwing the form away, Smith decided to write in the name of George P. Butler, the harsh, disciplinarian headmaster of Smith's high school.

Smith changed the name at the last minute to Burdell, the maiden name of his best friend's mother.

The prank did not end there. Whenever a professor would take roll, students in the back of the classroom would answer for Burdell. Smith even handed in exams for Burdell, changing his handwriting enough to fool professors. In 1930, Smith and his alter-ego Burdell both received Tech degrees.

Smith's creation soon took on a life of its own. After returning from WWII, Burdell resurfaced at Tech with the advent of automated registration in the spring quarter of 1969. Burdell registered for every course offered, more than 3,000 credit hours. He did the same in 1975 and 1980, despite attempts by administrators to keep him out.

Burdell seems to have found a more permanent position at Tech in recent years. "The continued clamor and ridicule of my name can no longer proceed," Burdell wrote in a column in the *AJC*. "I am and have been for 10 years dean of humanities and fine arts."

The Tech tradition of George P. Burdell now passes to the incoming class. Both alumni and upperclassmen look forward to the creativity of the freshman class in ensuring the continued success of Tech's most famous student.

Come to the Technique's weekly meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in room 137 of the Student Services Building and eat free pizza.

Give your left brain a break

Student orgs offer freshmen creative outlets

By Smitha Prasadh
Contributing Writer

Though Tech has a reputation for focusing primarily on engineering and the sciences, the arts have a definite presence on campus, and you don't have to be enrolled in the liberal arts college to join in. Tech students are a well-rounded bunch with a variety of interests, and more and more creative-themed clubs are emerging each year to cater to those interests.

If you have an interest in music and want to keep performing while you're in college, the music department boasts a variety of ensembles to choose from. The program includes all types of music, and the conductors that head it are a group of talented and devoted musicians who even perform occasionally with their ensembles.

Vocalists can choose from the acapella or baritone ensembles, the men's glee club, chorale, or chamber choir.

Instrumentalists have a few more selections. The symphony orchestra is a full-orchestra group, which performs music ranging from popular to symphonic. There are several band ensembles: the symphonic and concert bands perform wind and percussion

compositions, and the marching and pep bands and the drumline perform at athletic events. The jazz ensemble performs a much more modern repertoire. There is also a percussion ensemble, and a MIDI ensemble that works with audio-visual technologies.

If you'd like something a little different or can't fit any rehearsals into your schedule, you can try and form a student chamber

"More and more creative-themed clubs are emerging each year to cater to [students'] interests."

ensemble. For more information on the music program, visit www.coa.gatech.edu/music.

For students interested in dance, the newest dance-related addition to campus is a performance group known as DanceTech, a group of about 20 members with various levels of dancing experience and styles. DanceTech has performed with several musical ensembles and at events such as Women's Awareness Month, and staged

their first solo performance in March. Other dance-related programs on campus are the annual Dance Marathon; the Dance Association, which promotes swing, lindy hop, and other dances through social events and workshops; the Dance Team, which performs at basketball games; and TekStyles, a break-dancing club.

The photography club and the newly-formed Art Infinitum strive to further visual expression through photography and two-dimensional art on campus.

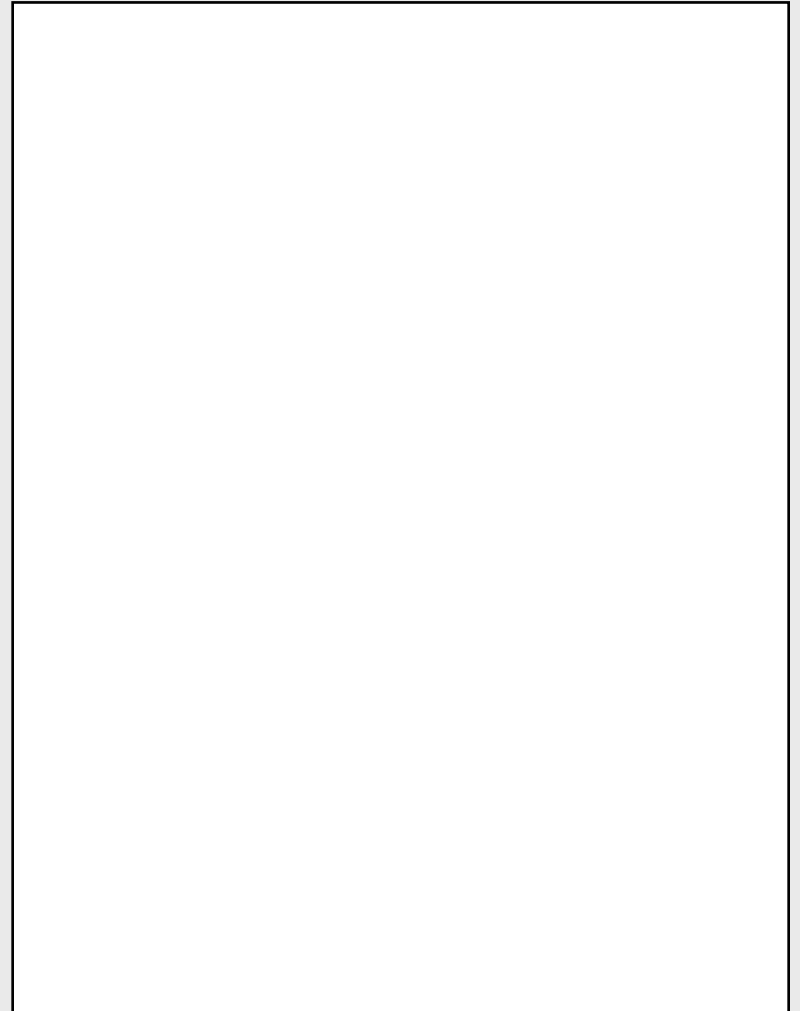
Students interested in filmmaking can indulge their interests through Buzz Studios, a filmmaking club; for a more cultural bent to filmmaking and acting, there's the Cultural Drama and Filming Club; finally, there is iMovieFest, an annual short film contest.

There are a few more fantasy-based clubs, like Anime O-Tekku, the campus Japanese animation club, which holds showings and movie marathons and attends anime conventions.

Tech also has a chapter of the Society for Creative Anachronism, which relives the Middle Ages through research and reenactment.

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FASET FUN



By Ethan Trewitt / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Recently acquired Tech students mingle around the Campanile during a FASET session July 25. Most incoming freshmen get their first taste of Tech at one of these sessions.

Tech's mechanical mascot keeps rollin'

By Smitha Prasadh
Contributing Writer

One of the many unfamiliar terms you'll start hearing around campus is "Ramblin' Wreck." Outside of Tech, the term doesn't mean much, but on campus, it refers to a major symbol of our history and tradition.

The name refers to Tech's automotive mascot, a beautifully restored 1930 Ford Model A, as well as the school's most beloved fight song (see page 12).

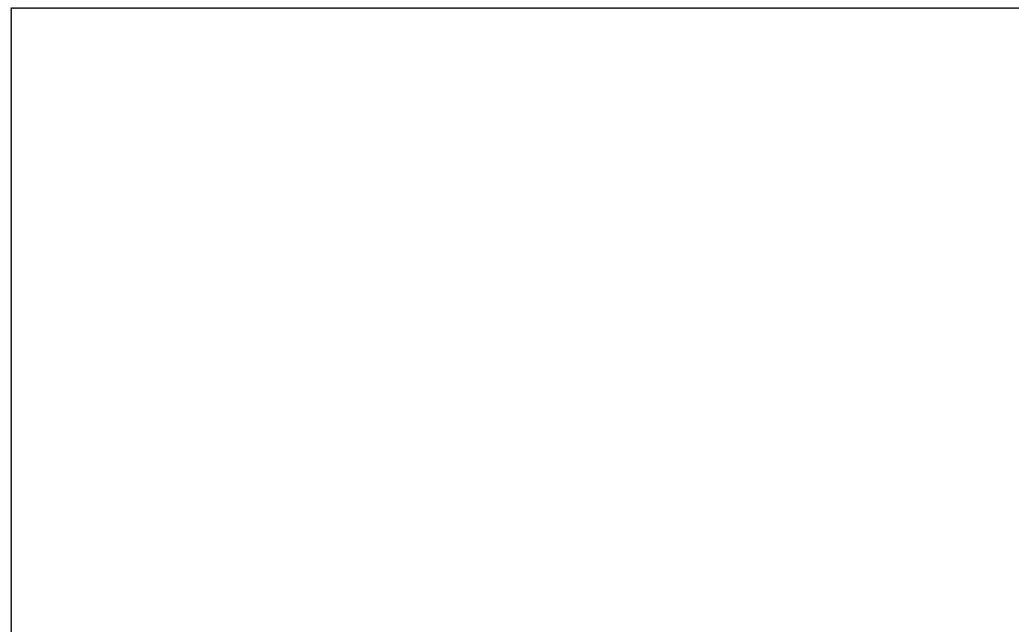
The first reference to the fight song's author and title dates as far back as the 1890s, and it was officially published in the *Blueprint*, Tech's yearbook, in 1908.

The song itself was originally set to the tune of a Scottish drinking song, "Son of a Gambler," by band director Mike Greenblatt. His successor, Frank Roman, adapted the song into its current form and secured its copyright.

The phrase "Ramblin' Wreck" went on to refer to the work some Tech students did in Brazil in the early 1900s. To secure passage, they were forced to build themselves vehicles from a hodgepodge of car parts. Sheer ingenuity and creative engineering kept these vehicles going, and workers soon began referring to these eccentric, haphazard vehicles as "Ramblin' Wrecks."

Back on Tech's campus, the first car to actually receive this name, and the most notable of all the Wrecks, belonged to Floyd Field, dean of men in the 1920s. It was a 1914 Ford Model T.

Other private cars belonging to students, faculty and alumni



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Ramblin' Wreck, a 1930 Ford Model A sports coupe, has served as a Tech icon since 1961. At every home football game, the Wreck leads the team onto the field.

were referred to as Wrecks as well, but the name finally was cemented when the *Technique* referred to Field's car as a Ramblin' Wreck in 1927. However, none of these served as official mascots to the school.

This changed in 1961, when Dean of Students Jim Dull saw a 1930 Ford Model A sports coupe parked outside his apartment on Peachtree Street. A Florida State University student owned it. His father, Captain Ted Johnson of Delta Airlines, had bought it and restored it as gift to his son.

After intense negotiations and eventual pleading, Dull bought the car for \$1000. Pete George, a Tech alumni and manager of the Hapeville Ford

plant, restored the car, and this Ramblin' Wreck made its debut as a Tech mascot on September 30 during a home football game against Rice University.

The car has had some cosmetic modifications over the years. The original was painted tan and black, but the current car has an antique gold body and white fenders, with gold and white striped upholstery and a T on the gear shift. The car is in the care of the Ramblin' Reck Club and has been restored several times. It even had to be repaired after vandalism attempts by rival schools, such as being shot while at Auburn and being painted orange by University of Tennessee students.

When the Reck Club's long-standing relationship with the Ford Motor Company for maintenance ended several years ago, care of the Ramblin' Wreck fell completely to students. Each year, a new driver is appointed to drive the car to football games and other campus events. The driver assumes primary responsibility of the Wreck's maintenance, including emergency repairs.

The Ramblin' Wreck continues to grace campus today because of the commitment and generosity of Tech students. This generosity allows the entire Tech family to continue to enjoy one of the most beautiful, lasting and distinctive icons of the Institute and our shared history.

Tutoring options can help with tough courses

By Daniel Amick
Editor-in-Chief

Feeling nervous about your chances of keeping a high GPA at Tech? Rest assured, you are not alone. Plenty of tutoring options are available to help you cope with Tech's academic rigors.

Your first source of aid is your graduate or undergraduate teaching assistant in your specific class. But when that fails, you might be able to turn to study sessions organized by individual schools. The schools of Math, Chemistry and Physics each offer study sessions for students in introductory courses. Professors, TAs or academic advisors can provide information about specific meeting times and locations.

The Office of Minority Education (OMED), located in the Chapin Building, offers tutoring assistance to all Tech students. Complete information about tutoring hours can be found at www.omed.gatech.edu.

The Office of Success Programs also provides individualized tutoring services, as well as workshops and seminars focusing on topics like effective time management. More information can be found at www.successprograms.gatech.edu.

The Department of Housing's Freshman Experience program offers tutors for students Sunday through Thursday nights in freshman dorms. GTCN produces a call-in show hosted by a student who explains tough problems and works them out on a white board.

Another popular strategy is forming study groups. Some students find it helpful to pool their knowledge and problem-solving abilities. However, students should be aware of the Honor Code and other restrictions on sharing notes and cooperating on homework and other assignments.

Student groups offer fun, friends, opportunities for leadership

Orgs

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In addition to a blossoming array of creative organizations, Tech also has a full array of more traditional organizations that welcome and recruit freshmen.

The Student Government Association (SGA) offers a program for freshmen called FreShGA. This sub-organization is designed to give freshmen leadership experience and prepare them for later involvement in SGA. In addition, SGA committees are open to all students, including freshmen.

There are a number of other freshman leadership organizations, including Freshman Council and the Freshman Activities Board. Students living on campus can join Hall Councils, bodies that decide what events and activities to sponsor.

About a quarter of Tech undergraduate students join a fraternity or sorority. If you missed rush events this past week, there are still opportunities to get involved. Many fraternities hold spring rush during the first week of spring semester. Sorority rush is more formalized and is coordinated by Panhellenic Council. Potential members attend "rounds" during which they visit each house to determine which sorority is best for them. The Greek Affairs office is located in room 141 of the Student Services Building.

If going Greek does not appeal to you, there are still more options. Many majors have academic organizations, which offer opportunities for networking with upperclassmen

and professors. Academic advisors and professors can usually offer more information about these groups.

If you are looking for a more physical activity, sports clubs offer many opportunities for involvement. In addition, Outdoor Recreation Georgia Tech (ORGT), a student-run organization, provides instruction, equipment and trips in a variety of outdoor sports.

There are also a wide variety of cultural, nationality and diversity-based organizations that reflect Tech's diverse student population. Tech students also get involved in community service events such as TEAMBuzz or Tech Beautification Day.

Religious groups are also common, representing a variety of faiths and denominations. Some are coordinated through the Interfaith Council while others are independent. Some groups have on-campus houses or buildings for outreach activities.

For those interested in producing and broadcasting different forms of media, there are several organizations for you. Students interested in broadcast media can join WREK, the campus radio station that broadcasts music not heard elsewhere on the air at 91.1 FM. For campus publications, you can join the staff of the *Blueprint*, the campus yearbook, or the *Technique*, the newspaper you're currently reading. There's also *Erato*, a creative journal featuring art, photography and creative writing, and the *North Avenue Review*, the campus free-speech publication. The *T-Book* is the online guide to Tech traditions.

A complete list of student organizations can be found at www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/organizations/. If no organization exists that caters to your interests, you can create a new one. Information can be found at the above website. Students can also stop by the Student Organizations Office on the second floor of the Student Center Commons.

Tech-UGA rivalry has deep roots

By Daniel Amick
Editor-in-Chief

What's the good word?
"TO HELL WITH GEORGIA!"

As freshmen are quickly learning, Tech and UGA have enjoyed a long history of "clean old-fashioned hate" that dates back more than a century.

On November 4, 1893, the two football teams met for the first time. Tech emerged the victor, winning 28-6. Enraged, UGA fans pelted the team with rocks and chased them back to their train.

The rivalry simmered until World War I, when, during UGA's "Senior Parade," students unfurled banners accusing Tech students of not wanting to go to war. Tech's athletic director demanded an apology. The



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UGA's mascot Uga dons a RAT cap to show his Tech spirit.

situation escalated, leading Tech to suspend all athletic competitions against UGA for six years.

In 1930, Tech freshmen chased a cow onto Grant Field while carrying a sign that said "This Ain't No Bull."

We Gonna Beat UGA." During halftime, a riot broke out that police were unable to quell. The editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*, Ralph McGill, wrote "A freshman is not a freshman until he has bloodied somebody's nose, or had his bloodied."

In 1946, UGA fans convinced a local union boss to call a coal strike that shut down the railroads taking Tech fans to Athens. Coach Bobby Dodd used an Eastern Airlines DC-3 to take his team to Athens.

In 1984, Tech fans tore down the goal posts after defeating UGA and paraded them onto North Avenue.

On the one-hundredth anniversary of the first Tech-UGA game, players fought in the south endzone in a brawl similar to the 1930 event.

Georgia Tech plays Georgia in Athens on November 27.

New Whistle draws on the past

By Smitha Prasad
Contributing Writer

By now, returning students have noticed a small but distinct difference on campus—the Whistle.

The high-pitched, single-toned sound that once could be heard across campus five minutes before every hour is gone. Its replacement, a deep, multi-tonal sound, is quite different from what students are accustomed to.

Harold Cash, superintendent of the Tech powerplant, decided to replace the Whistle because he had used the last remaining spare part to fix a crack in fall 2002. If something happened to the existing Whistle, there would be no replacement.

Cash turned to Dennis Brown, manager of the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) Machine Shop to help design a replacement.

They decided to base the new Whistle on a whistle used in the early 1900s that is now on display in the Alumni House.

The Machine shop photographed, measured and studied the old whistle for about four months. They then fabricated the new Whistle at a cost of about \$7,000.

The Whistle blows five minutes before the hour from 6:55 to 5:55 each week day. It also blows after every football victory. Like the Ts atop Tech Tower, the Whistle has been stolen numerous times, first in 1902 or 1903.

In the fall of 1905 four Tech students took the Whistle and, fearful of punishment, kept it hidden until 1949.

In 1981, the Whistle was held for ransom. Some faculty members on the Hill had complained so much about the loud noise that the Whistle

stopped blowing. Outraged, students stole it in protest, promising to return it only if it could continue in its traditional capacity. In a compromise, the Whistle blew for five seconds every hour, rather than 10.

In May 1995, the Whistle was taken in celebration of President Wayne Clough's inauguration.

On September 28, 1997, two Tech students again stole the Whistle. They claimed in an editorial to the *Technique* that the once "sweet tone" of the whistle had been reduced to a "sickly drone." They wanted its "beautiful sound" returned so that new students could know its clarion call. Clough found the Whistle on his front lawn the next day while walking his dog.

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You certainly won't find these in Webster's...

The dictionary of essential Tech terms

A
The first letter of the alphabet. It also allegedly appears on grade reports. We'll believe it when we see it.

Acronyms

Used for anything and everything on campus. Examples include buildings (MRDC), majors (ME) and colleges (CoC).

Brittain Beach

The patch of grass in the East Campus quad where freshmen traditionally throw frisbees and sunbathe in summer and spring.

Bursar's Office

The place where you take your money, or your parents' money, or the government's money...

BuzzCard

Student ID and campus debit card. Don't leave home without it.

BuzzPort

A portal for Georgia Tech web resources. Mention BuzzPort to an upperclassman and you'll probably get a puzzled look.

Caffeine

Sleep in a bottle, cup or other non-bed form. See **Sleep**.

Capital Campaign

President Clough's fundraising drive that concluded in spring 2001. It raised \$712 million for the Institute, including the funding for many of the recently-completed construction projects around campus.

Chem Annex

One-fourth of the College of Computing's building.

Clyde Bumps

Giant speed bumps (near the CoC and CRC, for example) that are only crossable at speeds under five miles per hour (any faster, and you'll make the guys over at Midas very happy and very rich). Named for Clyde Robbins, who at one time was responsible for campus planning. See also **Clyde Walks**.

Clyde Walks

Term for the sidewalks that have bricks in them. Another useful innovation of Clyde Robbins. See also **Clyde Bumps**.

Coca-Cola

Obey the word of the man. This is Atlanta, after all. Use this building to locate the Student Center, which houses the only Pizza Hut in the country that serves Coca-Cola.

Coed

A female college student was first admitted to Tech 52 years ago. Although more sightings are reported each year, females only account for around 30 percent of the student body.

College of Computing Building

The Tool Shed. Think really hard about your favorite CS major and you'll understand. Alternative definitions: EE Annex, Chem Annex.

Complaining

Something all Tech students are expected to do often and well. Good examples can be found on newsgroups and in *Technique* letters to the editor.

CRC

Campus Recreation Center. A place

to exercise and forget about differential equations for a while. Enjoy the fact that you will be the first freshmen to enjoy the completed facility, waterslide and all. See also **SAC**.

Cumberland College

The school that the Tech football team defeated 222-0 in 1916.

Dead Week

The week before finals during which you are not supposed to have any tests. Be forewarned: some profs don't understand this concept.

Dean's List

Only takes a 3.0...sounds easy, doesn't it? Just wait.

D.M. Smith

History and Social Sciences building across from the library.

Drop Day

The Friday that marks the last day to drop a class. It's recently been moved to a point later in the semester, taking some of the guessing out of the decision to drop a class. You freshmen have it so easy...

Drownproofing

A P.E. class that was required of all Tech students up until 1988. The class involved being tied up with rope and thrown into a pool. The goal was to allow you to survive indefinitely in the water through a variety of techniques.

E-Mag

PHYS 2212, considered one of the most difficult and/or confusing classes at Tech. Back under the quarter system, the saying used to go, "E-Mag, Re-Mag, Three-Mag, Management."

Faculty Honors

A 4.0? Keep dreaming...



By Ayan Kishore / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A Stinger, not to be confused with a Stingerette. Freshmen will quickly find that walking is usually faster than waiting for an overcrowded Stinger to come by.

Flag Building

a.k.a. Student Services Building. Houses the Dean of Students office and the *Technique*.

Flush Letters

Letters of rejection from prospective employers. Three or four will sometimes get you a free meal.

Final Four 2004

The event which generated more excitement at Tech than anything else in recent memory. Hopefully, it will become an annual event.

F.O.

Frosted Orange. See **The "V."**

Gates

The best development in parking, ever. Please do not break them.

Good Word, The

"To hell with Georgia!"

Hill, The

The area filled with old, historic buildings between the Administra-

tion Building and the Library. See **Tech Tower**.

Honor Code

Supposedly sexy. Says you're supposed to squeal on cheaters. And profs are supposed to provide word. Yep, that's what it says.

Howey

The Physics Building on the corner of Ferst and Atlantic where many freshman classes are held.

IC Auditorium

a.k.a. Tennenbaum Auditorium, located in the Instructional Center, which is across from the CRC.

Junior's

Campus diner where Tommy serves up some of the world's greatest chicken fingers.

Late Fees

Fees that apply in addition to regular semester fees if your payment is late.

See **Terms**, page 14

**Submit a sliver and
we'll print it in the
paper!**

**Go to www.nique.net/
sliver, and express
your feelings!**

Who are these people? Some names and faces on campus



Dr. G. Wayne Clough
Institute President



Dr. Jean-Lou Chameau
Provost



Dr. Bob McMath
Vice Provost for
Academic Affairs



Jo McIver
Registrar



Dr. William Schafer
Vice President for
Student Affairs



Gail DiSabatino
Dean of Students



Karen Boyd
Senior Associate Dean
of Students for Student
Life



Stephanie Ray
Associate Dean,
Director of Diversity
Issues and Programs



Danielle McDonald
Assistant Dean of
Student Involvement



Buck Cooke
Assistant Director for
Student Involvement/
Greeks



Rosalind Meyers
Associate Vice
President for Auxiliary
Services



Mike Black
Director of Housing



Dan Morrison
Associate Director of
Housing for Residence
Life



Rich Steele
Director, Student
Center



Sally Hammock
Associate Director,
Student Center



Bob Furniss
Director of Parking and
Transportation



Cindy Smith
Director, Student
Health Center



Dave Braine
Director of Athletics



Chan Gailey
Head Football Coach



Paul Hewitt
Head Basketball Coach



Yvette Upton
Assistant Dean of
Students and Director
of Women's Resource
Center



Billiee Pendleton-Parker
Assistant Director, CETL



Tommy Klemis
Junior's Grill



S. Gordon Moore Jr.
Director, OMED



James Pete
Director of BuzzCard
Center



Amy Phuong
Undergraduate
Student Body President



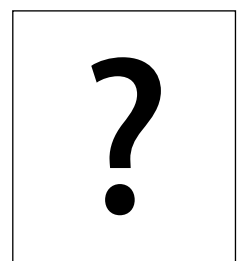
Lamar Stewart
Undergraduate SGA
Vice President



Daniel Amick
Editor-in-Chief,
Technique



Buzz
School Mascot



George P. Burdell
Most famous Tech
student. Ever.

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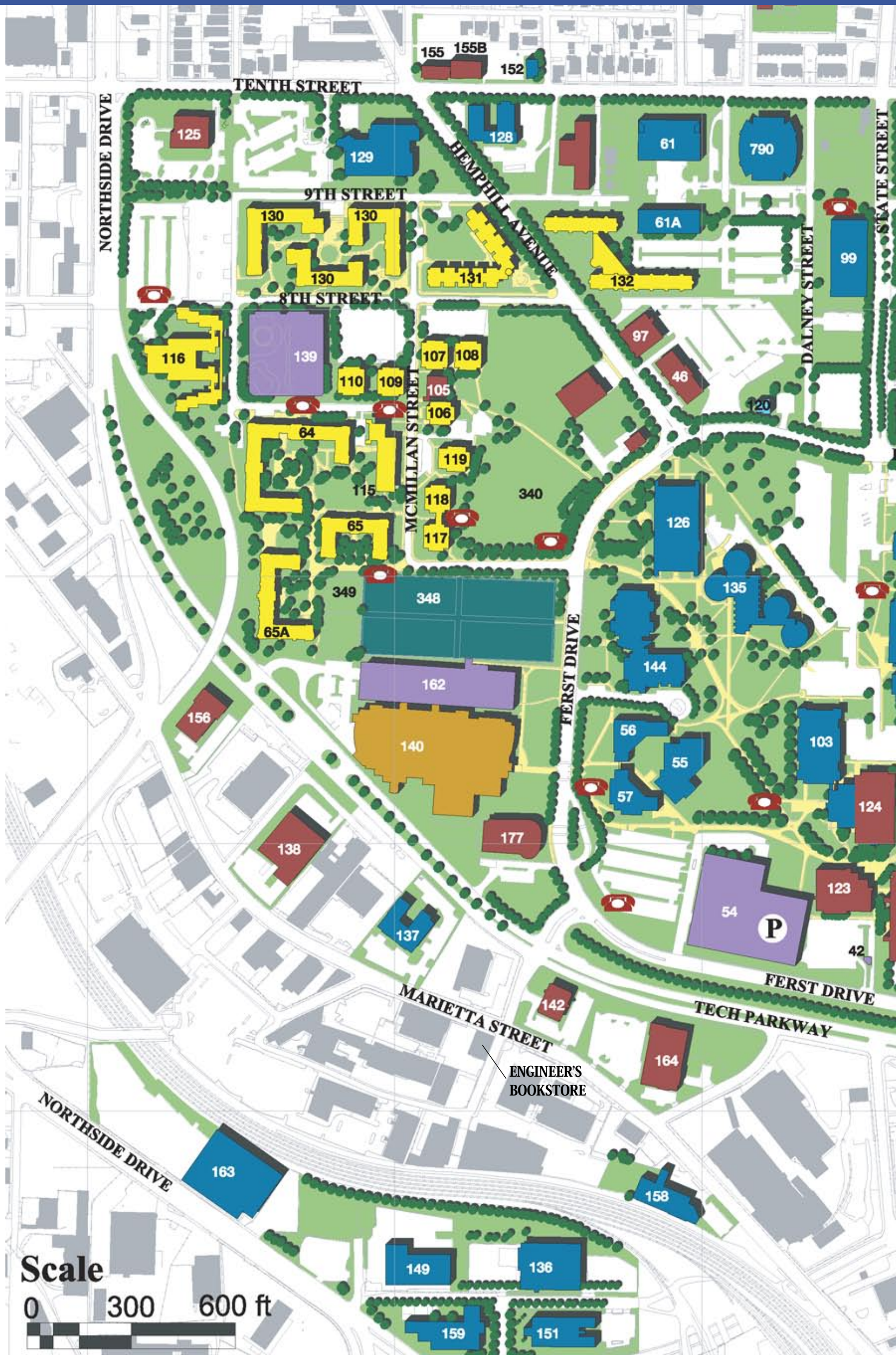
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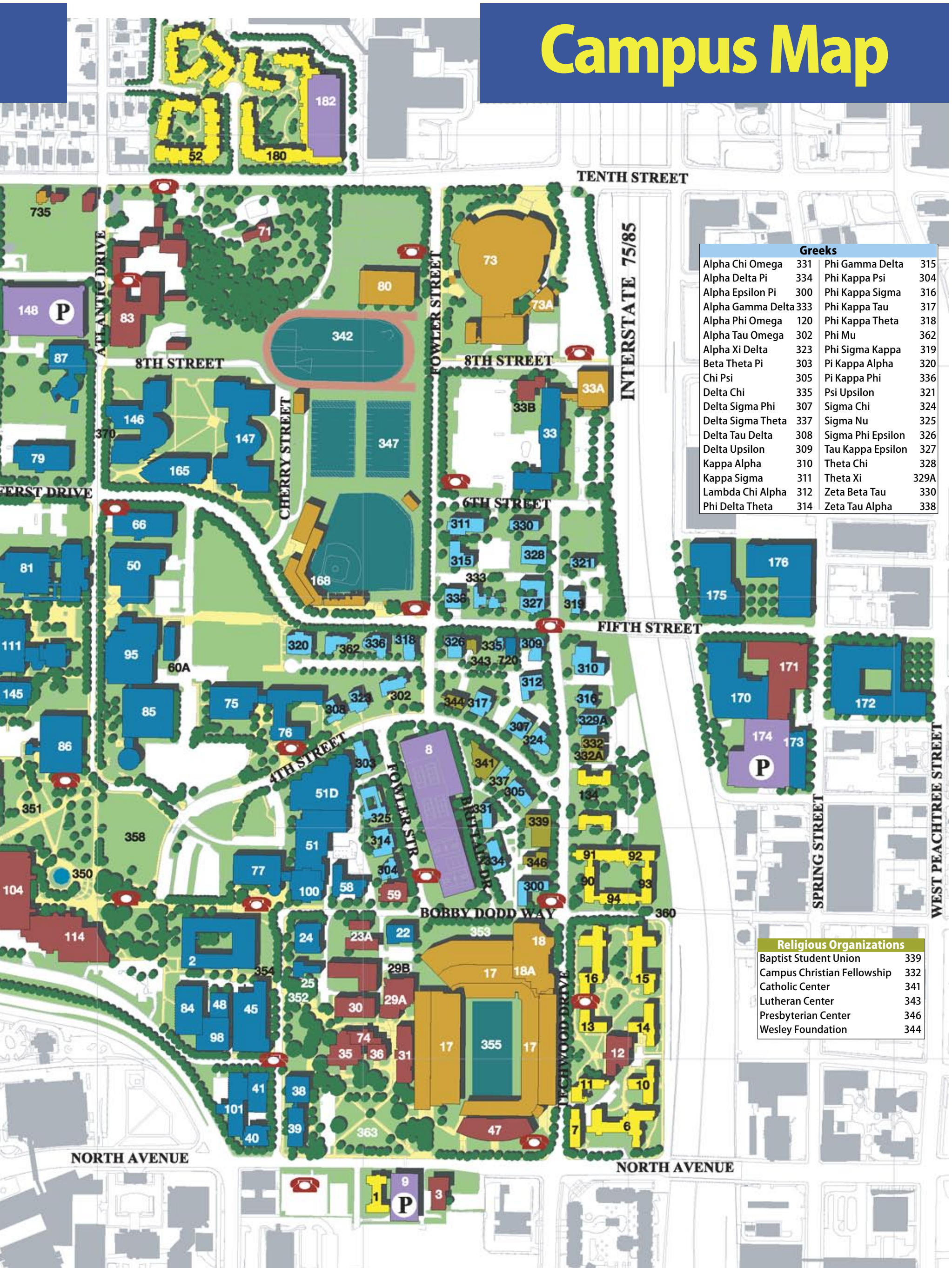
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To avoid big-city crime, follow these safety tips

By Daniel Amick
Editor-in-Chief

You've finally arrived at Tech. You've moved into your dorm and successfully weathered the first week of classes. Now you're ready to go out and see what Atlanta has to offer.

But before you do, it's important to remember that Atlanta, like any big city, can be a dangerous place if you are not careful.

Ensuring your personal safety

Violent crime is not a major problem on campus; still, there were 10 armed robberies last year. According to Carla Cook, a public safety officer with the Georgia Tech Police Department, one of the best ways to ensure your personal safety is to be aware of your surroundings. Keep your eyes open for anything out of the ordinary. Trust your instincts; if a situation feels wrong, leave.

If you walk around campus at night, avoid poorly-lit areas. Be aware of the location of the police station in the Beringhouse Building. Find out which campus buildings are open 24 hours. Try to avoid walking alone or while intoxicated. Walk in a way that conveys confidence.

Cook recommends carrying a cell phone so you can call for assistance if you need it. If you do not have a cell phone, there are emergency telephones located at strategic locations around campus [see campus map, page 8]. Call the GTPD at 894-2500 or press the large red emergency



button for assistance.

If you need a ride from one point on campus to another after Stinger service has ended, the Stingerette is an option. This is a van service that runs until 2:30 a.m. There are, however, significant service restrictions. Complete guidelines can be found at www.parking.gatech.edu/transportation/2_stingerette. You can call the Stingerette at 894-9649. Police are available for escorts after 2:30 a.m.

If it happens to you

Taking these precautions can reduce your risk, but is not a guarantee. Here are some tips to follow if you



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Be aware of the locations of campus call boxes. Press the red button for emergency assistance. Use a U-styled lock to secure your bicycle, not a chain or cable. If you ever need help, call the GTPD at 404-894-2500.

become a victim of crime.

If you are being followed, cross the street, change directions or vary your pace. Do not resist if an attacker is just after your purse, wallet or other valuables. No amount of money is worth your life, Cook said.

Get a good description of the attacker, looking for distinguishing tattoos, scars or gold teeth. Also try to get license plate numbers if the attacker flees in a car.

Securing your property

While violent crime is a rare occurrence at Tech, property crimes are more common. Cook said vehicle break-ins and thefts, bike thefts,

and larceny-thefts have all fallen significantly over the past year, but they remain a problem. To keep your property secure, follow these tips.

Whenever you leave your dorm room, close and lock the door. Do not assume that because you are only going to be gone for a few minutes you do not need to lock your door. Also, do not prop open exterior doors.

Cook suggested that students keep a room inventory listing expensive items along with the model number, brand name, serial number, color and approximate value. That way, if something turns up missing, you will be able to report this information to police.

If you own a laptop, keep it with

you at all times. Do not leave it unattended in the library or in a lounge, even for a few minutes.

If you own a bicycle, use a U-style lock to secure it. Cook said that of about 20 bicycles stolen last year, all were secured with cable or chain locks. You can register your bike for free by filling out a registration card at the police station.

If you have a car parked on campus, be sure to keep all valuable items out of sight. Park in well-lit areas. To report broken lights in parking areas or elsewhere on campus, visit www.police.gatech.edu.

Cook suggested buying stereos with removable face-plates. She also advised against leaving your car parked in the same place for a long period of time.

Other helpful information

The GTPD communicates with students in several ways. Officers routinely post BOLO (Be On the Look-Out) flyers in campus dorms and academic buildings. These flyers have photos and descriptions of criminals. Call the GTPD immediately if you see these individuals.

The GTPD also offers a number of free pamphlets with more safety tips and crime statistics.

To get regular updates about campus crime, sign up by emailing crimealerts@police.gatech.edu.

Cook said students should feel free to contact her with questions at carla.cook@police.gatech.edu or by calling 404-894-1288.

Perks, drawbacks come with living off campus

Joshua Cuneo
Senior Staff Writer

To many students, living on campus may seem like the ideal arrangement. After all, friends, food, and classes are all within easy walking distance, and conventional wisdom holds that living on campus away from home is an important part of the college experience.

However, some members of Tech's student body have elected to live far from campus—so far, in fact, that they're forced to drive or ride their bikes to classes every morning. But they argue that there are merits to this arrangement, something they would encourage freshmen to consider after they've been at Tech for a year or two.

"I like having more room," said Hudson DeLee, a fourth-year Mechanical Engineering major who drives to campus 15 minutes every morning from his apartment in Dekalb County. "Price-wise, you can get a lot better deals off campus."

Kevin Guthrie, a fourth-year Math and Physics major, agreed. "The apartment is cheaper... Also, I had been living right next to [the 75/85 connector] for two years, so it was nice to have a quiet place to sleep back away from the highway. One big plus was not having a communal bathroom and shower."

Some students like DeLee also leave when they become fed up with the Department of Housing's quality of living.

"Over here, I'm not living under the thumb of Housing, my air conditioning works, and I don't have all that uncomfortable furniture in my room that I have to keep in there," he said.

Others even defy the rebellious college student stereotype and return home to their parents, especially if finances are tight.

"I moved in with them to save

money while I looked for work," said Charles Whittington, a fifth-year Computer Science major. "Being on loans, I did not want to rent an apartment and drive up my loan money."

But, he said, that hasn't kept him from reaping the benefits of living off campus.

"The best thing is that I can't go back to my room and goof off. I get more work done during the day and the time that I am there," Whittington said. "When I lived on campus, all I did was drink and

"I'm not living under the thumb of Housing...I don't have all that uncomfortable furniture in my room that I have to keep there."

Hudson DeLee
Fourth-year ME

download stuff off the web with that killer connection. I actually go out now. My spirits and grades rose dramatically after moving off campus."

Living off campus even carries psychological benefits. Some students who commute find it easier to relax every evening because they can escape the academic environment.

"I really enjoy getting away from the campus each day, as it gives me a time to unwind and to differentiate from work (that is, school) and home," said Frank Rietta, a fourth-year computer science major.

Some commuters can also take advantage of MARTA, Atlanta's

rapid transit system. While users argue about its reliability, it provides a cheap alternative for those who worry about transportation expenses.

MARTA is also beneficial for on-campus residents eager to explore the city. The trains can take riders to a number of Atlanta's major hot spots, and the buses—free for train riders—drive to most of the remaining locations. But, said Rietta, be forewarned; "Walking to the MARTA station late at night is not exactly safe." The Tech Trolley stops at MARTA, carrying students to and from campus, and the Stingerette transports students after hours.

Other students argue in favor of living on or near campus. Time, they said, is a premium.

"Spending 1.5 hours on average in the car takes a chunk out of the day which at some times could be used for studying," Rietta said. He commutes from his parents' house in Duluth. "In addition, group classes can be harder when other group members prefer to meet late at night."

It also means that students with early classes have to get up even earlier than their on-campus counterparts, and there's no room for those famous last-minute mad dashes to lecture.

"When I wake up at 7:55 a.m. for a final at 8 a.m., I'm going to be late," DeLee said. "Whereas on campus, I can sprint out the door and get there."

"I prefer living on campus," said Scott Kim, a fourth-year electrical engineering major. He commutes from his parents' home in Lawrenceville—a 45-minute drive—and regrets that the cost of housing could not justify staying on campus over the summer. "It's more convenient, and I enjoy being around friends at Tech."

Part of the problem, DeLee said, is that commuters often find them-



Image courtesy Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority

MARTA offers a transportation alternative to car-less freshmen and students who commute to Tech each day.

selves away from campus during peak social hours.

"You'd be going home after classes, or at dinner, and really, after that, that's when all the fun stuff happens."

That is why many students, including commuters, usually recommend on-campus residency to incoming freshmen. Living with fellow students, who are facing the same challenges of being on their own for the first time, can create good friendships.

"You can go out and meet new people and enjoy the college atmosphere," Kim said. "It also gives a greater feeling of independence

and responsibility since you are on your own."

And that, Whittington said, helps students grow up.

"Moving out of the house changes a person a lot. They mature a little bit," he said. "There is a huge difference in the students who have never not lived with their parents and those who have been out of their parents' house for a year or more. It is a rite of passage."

"I think it's important to get out into the college lifestyle, and if you're living under the mandate of your parents, it's pretty hard to do that to any degree of satisfaction," Guthrie said.

Tech through time

These are just a few of the many events that have defined Georgia Tech since its creation almost 120 years ago.

1885

Dr. Isaac Hopkins becomes first Tech president.
Administration Building and Shop constructed.
First class of 84 students enrolls.



Georgia School of Technology founded.

The Tech football team defeats UGA in Athens 28-6. Irate UGA fans pelt the team with rocks.

1888

1893

1896

The first on-campus housing opens. "The shacks" have no running water or electricity.
Dr. Lyman Hall named second Tech president.



The Whistle is stolen and not recovered until 1949.

Dr. Kenneth Matheson named third Tech president.

ANAK, a secret society, founded.
First *Blueprint* published.

1905

1906

1908

1911

First *Technique* published Nov. 17.



Tech football defeats Cumberland College 222-0, the largest margin of victory in history.

An AJC cartoon uses a yellow jacket to represent Tech for the first time.

First Homecoming
John Heisman retires after 16 years as football coach.

1916

1919

George P. Burdell attends class for the first time.

1920

1922

Tech awards first M.S. degree.

1925

1928

1930

The organization that will become the Ramblin' Reck Club is founded.



Bobby Dodd becomes head football coach.

Dr. Marion Luther Brittain named fourth Tech president.

Brittain Dining Hall opens, as does the restaurant that will eventually become The Varsity.

Col. Blake Ragsdale Van Leer named fifth Tech president.

1944

1945

1948

1951

The tradition of blowing the Whistle after football victories begins.



Women are admitted to Tech for the first time.

The Georgia School of Technology becomes the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The restaurant that will become Junior's Grill opens.

1952

FIGHT SONGS

Ramblin' Wreck

I'm a Ramblin' Wreck From Georgia Tech and a hell of an engineer.
A helluva, helluva, helluva, helluva, hell of an engineer.
Like all the jolly good fellows, I drink my whiskey clear,
I'm a Ramblin' Wreck from Georgia Tech and a hell of an engineer.

Oh, if I had a daughter, sir, I'd dress her in White and Gold.
And put her on the campus to cheer the brave and bold.
And if I had a son, sir, I'll tell you what he'd do,
He would yell "TO HELL WITH GEORGIA" like his daddy used to do.

I wish I had a barrel of rum and sugar three thousand pounds,
A college bell to put it in, and a clapper to stir it round.
I'd drink to all the good fellows who come from far and near,
I'm a ramblin', gamblin' hell of an engineer. Hey!

FIGHT SONGS

Up With the White & Gold

Oh, well, it's...
Up with the White and Gold, down with the red and black,
Georgia Tech is out for a victory.

We'll drop our battle axe on Georgia's head
When we meet her, our team is sure to beat her.

Down on the farm there will be no sound
'Till our Bow-wows rip through the air.

When the battle is over, Georgia's team will be found
With the Yellow Jackets swarming 'round.

To Hell With Georgia

Sung to the tune of "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Don't send my boy to MIT
The dying mother said,
Don't send my boy to Emory
I'd rather see him dead,
But send my boy to Georgia Tech
'Tis better than Cornell.
And as for the University of Georgia
I'd rather see him in hell!

[chorus]
To hell, to hell, to hell with Georgia,
To hell, to hell, to hell with Georgia,
To hell, to hell, to hell with Georgia,
The cesspool of the South!

Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the stomping of the Dogs.
We will teach the poor dumb
farmboys
They should stick to sloppin' hogs.
When the Jackets are triumphant

There will be a mighty cheer—
We'll do the same next year!
[chorus]

On the field between the hedges
There arose a mighty stench,
In the Dogs' machine the engineers
Had thrown a monkey wrench.
When the Jackets are triumphant
We will raise a mighty yell—
Them Dogs can GO TO HELL!
[chorus]

Mine eyes have seen the glory
Of the N.C. Double-A
They're investigating Georgia players
To see how much they're paid
After counting all the cars
And the loans alumni made,
They out-pay the NBA
[chorus]

2004

The Campaign for Georgia Tech, or Capital Campaign, concludes. The fundraising drive raises \$712 million, money that is used to finance a wave of new construction projects.



The Tech men's basketball team competes in the NCAA Championship game.

Technology Square opens.

2003

2001

Tech shifts from a quarter system to semesters.

1999

1997

New students are required to have computers.

1996

1994

Tech campus serves as the Olympic Village during the 1996 Olympic Games.



Dr. Wayne Clough named tenth Tech president.

Vice-presidential candidates Dan Quayle and Al Gore debate at the Ferst Center for the Arts.

1992

1988

1987

1980

Drownproofing requirement ends.

Dr. John P. Crepine named ninth Tech president.



Buzz first appears as Tech's mascot at the Tech-Florida game.

Student Athletic Center opens.

1977

1974

1972

1970

1969

1967

Basketball becomes Tech's first women's varsity sport.

Dr. Arthur Hansen named seventh Tech president.

Dr. Joseph Mayo Pettit named eighth Tech president.

Student Center opens.

Bobby Dodd retires as head football coach.

George C. Griffin retires after 18 years as dean of students.



Tech desegregates when Ford Greene, Ralph Long Jr. and Lawrence Williams, three black students, enroll.

1964

1961

1960

1957

Dr. Edwin Harrison named sixth Tech president.



Dr. Mary Katherine Cabell becomes Tech's first female faculty member.

Gilbert Library constructed.

1953

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SOURCES: Georgia Tech Alumni Association; Technique archived issues; T-Book



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Tech Tower, sans T, in 2001. Administrators warn that stealing a T is dangerous, and is likely get you suspended, expelled or worse.

Terms from page 6

Better take out another loan to pay these off.

Library West Commons

Computer lab on the first floor of the library, and perhaps the nicest on campus. At one time in the not-too-distant past, this was one of the least-used parts of campus, but now you can almost always expect a wait before a computer opens up.

M.I.T.

Georgia Tech, North Campus

Ma Tech

The cherished name used by students and alumni as the personification of Georgia Tech.

MARTA

Metro Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority—since freshmen don't have cars, this is your way around Atlanta, unless you can sucker an upperclassman into driving.

Midnight Madness

Starting the Sunday before finals and continuing every night during finals,

students gather at midnight in public areas around dorms or lean out their windows for the age-old tradition. Promptly at midnight, students scream and yell to relieve the stress of their finals preparation.

North Avenue Trade School

Nickname for Tech.

Office of Information Technology (OIT)

The campus computer office. At one time, they had the nicest computer labs on campus. See **Library West Commons**.

O'Keefe

This is where the volleyball team plays. It is next to the Coliseum. See athletic **Coeds**.

Olympics

Hosted by Atlanta during the summer of 1996. Tech served as the Olympic Village. Most on-campus apartments were built around this time.

OSCAR

Not a green muppet. Online Student Computer Assisted Registration; it's how you get classes, view your grades,

pay your bills and, eventually, check your graduation status.

Orange

Thanks to construction, it has become an unofficial Tech color.

Parking Permit

Once just a hunting license before former Parking Director Rod Weis stepped in and restored some order; most freshmen can still leave this one out of their vocabulary.

Quarter

A relic of the past. Alumni, faculty, staff and really old students will probably remember. Tech switched from the quarter system to semesters in 1999, causing all kinds of problems. See **Semester Conversion**.

RAT

Any freshman. Recruit At Tech, or Recently Acquired Tech Students. Originates in Tech's strong military roots.

Road Trip

Something every college student should and must do in order to truly experience college. All you need is some clean underwear, a toothbrush, and...oh yeah...a car with gas.

SAC

Student Athletic Center, now renamed the Campus Recreation Center. See **CRC**.

Semester Conversion

A big hassle that occurred before the 1999 school year. Resulted in lots of graduation appeals. See **Quarter**.

Sex

Oh, wait...

Shaft (1)

Any examination or class (not necessarily longer than it is wide) which inflicts mental anguish due to being unnecessarily difficult and/or impossible to pass.

Shaft (2)

The large metal campanile fountain outside the Student Center.

[sic]

A phrase, used often in journalism, meaning "intentionally so written."

According to Webster's Dictionary, it is used after a word or passage to indicate that it is intended exactly as printed or to indicate that it exactly reproduces the original—especially when the passage appears to contain a mistake. Example: University [sic] of Georgia.

Sideways

A stray dog who's head was cocked toward her tail. She captured the hearts of Tech students in 1945.

Sixth-Year Senior

Every fraternity has one; Someone who has already been here longer than the recommended schedule, but is still striving to get out. This person has funny stories.

Sleep

We at the *Technique* are glad to be able to define this for you. Although we haven't experienced it first-hand (and neither will you), we hear it has something to do with shutting the eyes and entering into a catatonic state for several hours on a nightly basis. See **Caffeine**.

Sliver

A comment, quip, inside joke or one-liner that runs in the *Technique* Sliver Box. Contribute one at www.technique.net.

Square Root Club

The elite club that only admits members who meet this stringent criteria: The square root of your GPA is greater than your GPA. Get it? Don't strain your brain too hard...

Staff

The hardest-working professor at Tech. He teaches most of the lower-level classes, but never receives any credit. Why isn't he in the course evaluation?

Stinger, Stingerette

Campus vans and buses. They aren't on a strict schedule so budget extra time if you want to make it to class. An hour should be enough. See also **Tech Trolley**.

Stop Signs

Disregarded by most drivers. If you see someone using a crosswalk, you're supposed to speed up...right?

Student Center Commons

The Houston Building. Used to be the Tech bookstore. Now houses student orgs, WREK Radio, and several stores and restaurants.

Tech Tower

The Administration Building. The Ts atop the tower are probably more heavily guarded than anything else on campus.

Tech Trolleys

Not really trolleys. They're actually Stingers disguised as trolleys, with much more uncomfortable seats. They run from the IC to Technology Square. We're still waiting for the moving sidewalk, though.

Technique

"The South's Liveliest College Newspaper." An excellent distraction during Friday afternoon lectures.

Technology Square

Tech's giant leap across the Downtown Connector. Home of Barnes and Noble @ Georgia Tech, a hotel, the College of Management, and numerous stores and restaurants. Our fledgling attempt at a college town.

Thrillerdome

The basketball arena.

"V," The

Varsity drive-in located on North Avenue. At least get a fried pie and an F.O. Also known as "The Greasy V." Claims to be the world's largest drive-in.

Whistle, The

The steam whistle that blows to signal class changes at five minutes before the hour. It also blows whenever Tech wins a home football game, and each spring during the "When the Whistle Blows" remembrance ceremony.

Whistle, The

The Georgia Tech faculty and staff newspaper published by Institute Communications and Public Affairs.

Word

Old tests and notes to help you study for tests.

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Join the Technique staff.

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things to do before you graduate

- # 99 things to do before you graduate

 1. Go to the beach. Any one will do.
 2. Ride the elevator to the top of the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel. It rotates.
 3. Eat at Junior's (and wonder why Tommy isn't in charge of all campus dining).
 4. Buy a class ring (the year can be changed).
 5. Drop a class.
 6. Go to the top of the Mason Civil Engineering Building and watch the sun set or rise.
 7. Wear your RAT cap.
 8. Swim in the fountain (either the Library or the Shaft—both count).
 9. Stand in line.
 10. Visit the Career Services office (before your senior year).
 11. Pull an all-nighter (as if you have a choice).
 12. Blow off homework for a date.
 13. Blow off homework for an all-weekend *South Park* marathon.
 14. Walk into a final and say, "What the hell is this crap? And where is the regular guy?"
 15. Read at least one *Technique* from cover to cover.
 16. Wander aimlessly around campus after being shafted by your latest exam.
 17. Warn tour groups away from Tech by screaming "The Horror! The Horror!"
 18. Complain about Auxiliary Services. Take your pick from parking, housing, dining, etc.
 19. Meet the waitress at Waffle House at 4:30 a.m.
 20. Count her teeth and play the Waffle House song.
 21. Fall asleep on your keyboard ddd dddddddddddddddddd.
 22. Go to a fraternity rush party and claim to be from Enu, Alaska.
 23. Work for the *Technique*, or at least come to a meeting.
 24. Climb one of the magnolia trees near the Campanile.
 25. During senior year, show up for your last lab or final hammered. But don't blame us for the consequences.
 26. Dance. Dance often. Dance wildy. Ignore the laughter.
 27. Send President Clough an email. Extra points if he replies in the same day (he's usually pretty fast).
 28. Call your parents and beg for money.
 29. Call Financial Aid and beg for money.
 30. Go to church and pray for money.
 31. Help build a wreck for Homecoming. Personal vehicles do not count.
 32. Pick up a guy or girl in the Library West Commons.
 33. Light sparklers in your on-campus apartment to celebrate New Year's.
 34. Run in the Freshman Cake Race. Senator Sam Nunn did, and look what it did for his career!
 35. Sneak a large metal beer-distributing object into your dorm. When it's empty, pass out.
 36. Figure out why differential equations are important things to know.
 37. Vote in a national election in the Georgia Tech precinct (why not this November?).
 38. Put on weight.
 39. Work out at the new and improved CRC. See #38.
 40. Be in the *Blueprint* (somewhere, anywhere).
 41. Date someone from another school.
 42. Imagine that your roommate is getting paid to ruin your life.
 43. Realize that your profs are, in fact, getting paid to ruin your life.
 44. Give Roz Meyers, or any other administrator, a hug. Tell him or her that the *Nique* sent you.
 45. Go to Lenox Square and wear out your credit cards.
 46. Eat Easy Mac and/or Ramen noodles five times in a given week.
 47. Wait 10 minutes for a Stinger when it would only take five to walk to class.
 48. Get some condoms. Use when appropriate (guys and gals).
 49. Successfully appeal a parking ticket.
 50. Shack.
 51. Go to Under the Couch.
 52. Join SGA.
 53. Quit SGA.
 54. Wish you were home (not too much in your freshman year—it looks bad).
 55. Streak during Midnight Madness (watch out for the GTPD).
 56. Go to every Tech home game during one football season.
 57. Road trip to at least one away game. While there, try to convince the public address announcer to page George P. Burdell.
 58. Take the Stinger to the CRC.
 59. Decide not to go to the CRC when the Stinger fails to arrive promptly.
 60. Drink "Hunch Punch."
 61. Take aspirin and reconsider #60.
 62. Make a movie for iMovieFest, or Delta Campus Movie Fest, or whatever it happens to be called this year.
 63. Have a long conversation with someone on a bench on Skiles Walkway.
 64. Ask someone the date, then realize you're three days behind.
 65. Go to Athens. This is a No Brain Zone. Plan to stay the night.
 66. Sit on the library fountain. Dangle your feet. Wave at your friends as they walk by.
 67. Figure out what's at the top of Tech Tower. (A: Absolutely Nothing).
 68. Go to Savannah for St. Patrick's Day.
 69. Ask a professor to join you for lunch.
 70. Ask a professor to join you for happy hour.
 71. Take the yellow envelope from your old parking tickets and put a slip of paper in them that says "Gotcha!" Put them on all the parking mini-trucks.
 72. Have a conversation with the Dean Griffin statue until someone notices. Then stare back like he or she is the weird one.
 73. Learn the words to "Up With the White and Gold."
 74. Break up, then make up, with your boyfriend or girlfriend.
 75. Sleep on your, or your hallmate's, floor by accident.
 76. Learn the stories of Sideways the dog.
 77. Register for a class that is taught in Technology Square, knowing full well you can't possibly get back on campus in time for your next class.
 78. Watch a CS major walk into a tree, back-up, and say "excuse me," all without ever looking up.
 79. Go more than one week without showering.
 80. Take a final. When you're finished, immediately change your major.
 81. Grow facial hair (males only, please).
 82. Discover why the lights are always on in the Architorture building.
 83. Visit your friend in the Architorture building. Take a care package of Vivarin and Red Bull.
 84. Get your picture made with the Ramblin' Wreck.
 85. Eat too many "Naked Dogs" from the "V."
 86. Express every opinion you've ever had (relevancy not required) on every newsgroup.
 87. Discover that your roommate is not nearly as obnoxious now that he or she has Word.
 88. Think about transferring to UGA or Emory.
 89. Wake up. It was only a bad dream. See #89.
 90. Relax in the green space on campus. One at a time, please.
 91. Tour CNN Studios and visit Centennial Olympic Park (they are both within walking distance).
 92. Have a cold one at the non-alcoholic pub in the Student Center Commons.
 93. Go to a DramaTech production.
 94. Get a degree.
 95. Get lost while driving in Atlanta. Curse the plethora of roads named "Peachtree."
 96. Make friends, or visit old ones, at Georgia State or Emory.
 97. Play trivia at Rocky Mountain Pizza, Fifth Street Ribs and Blues, or anywhere for that matter.
 98. Concoct, but don't enact, a plan to steal a "T" off Tech Tower.
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